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TOLL PLAZAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED

NO CASH PAYMENTS AT NATIONAL HIGHWAY TOLL PLAZAS FROM APRIL

Starting April, cash transactions may not be accepted at NHAI toll plazas, aiming to create a fully digital National Highway toll ecosystem

Looking at cutting cash transactions

- As per current National Highway fee rules, vehicles entering a toll plaza without a valid, functional FASTag are charged twice the applicable user fee, if paid in cash, and 1.25 times from UPI mode
- These initiatives have collectively advanced the objective of reducing dependency on cash transactions and digitizing the toll framework

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US SC strikes down Don's global tariffs

Says US President acted beyond his legal authority

I'm ashamed of certain members of the court, absolutely ashamed, for not having the courage to do what's right for our country

Donald Trump

PUSHPITA DEY & JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

IN a landmark judgment with significant implications for India's trade outlook, the US Supreme Court has ruled that President Donald Trump acted beyond his legal authority in imposing sweeping global tariffs under emergency powers.

The court held that tariffs are effectively taxes and the Constitution assigns taxation powers to the Congress, not the President. In a 6-3 decision authored by Chief Justice John Roberts, the court held that the use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to introduce broad-based tariffs lacked Congressional authorisation. The justices ruled that IEEPA did not grant the power to the President to impose tariffs on trading partners. The court emphasized that the law of imposing tariff is only meant for use in national emergencies.

Trump reacted furiously, alleging that the court was influenced by "foreign interests". He also announced a 10% "global tariff" under a trade law known as Section 122.

In light of the US court ruling, more than half of the Indian exports will not have to pay even the 18% tariff and, therefore, India may choose not to rush to sign the Bilateral Trade Agreement, say experts.

"Removal of reciprocal tariffs will free about 55% of India's exports to the US from the 18% duty, leaving them subject only to standard MFN (most favoured nation) tariffs. On the remaining exports, Section 232 tariffs will continue — 50% on steel and aluminium and 25% on certain auto components — while products accounting for roughly 40% of export value, including smartphones, petroleum products and medicines, will remain exempt from US tariffs," said Ajay Srivastava, founder of Global Trade Research Initiative.

"The US had agreed to reduce reciprocal tariffs on India to 18%, which shall no longer remain relevant following the Court's decision. This is also likely pave the way for potential refunds of tariffs collected without adequate legal basis," said Manoj Mishra, partner and tax controversy management leader at Grant Thornton Bharat.

(With agency inputs)

Refunds could be a mess

The Treasury had collected more than $133 billion from the import tariffs Trump imposed. But Supreme Court did not clarify whether companies that paid tariffs can get a refund

Critics welcome SC ruling

Opponents of the tariffs are cheering it. 'We Pay the Tariffs' a coalition of businesses, called it a tremendous win

SHIRTLESS PROTEST

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A group of Indian Youth Congress workers on Friday staged a bizarre, shirtless protest at the India AI Impact Summit, before being confronted by members of the public and escorted away by security personnel. The protesters were seen waving T-shirts printed with photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump.

The protest drew a sharp reaction from the BJP, with spokesperson Sambit Patra saying, "For the Congress, I have just three words—topless, brainless and shameless."

IYC national president Uday Bhanu Chib defended the action, saying, "Peaceful protest is our right in a democracy."

Judicial officers for Bengal SIR

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

IN a dramatic turn of events, the Supreme Court on Friday directed for deployment of judicial officers, including retired judges, for easy and smooth conduct of the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise in West Bengal, after noting that there was a clear lack of cooperation between the State government and the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The court said it had to pass the "extraordinary order" due to "extraordinary circumstances." The court requested the Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Sujoy Paul to allot serving and former judicial officers in the rank of district judges or above for SIR duties.

Chief Justice Paul has been asked to convene a meeting on Saturday, to be attended by Chief Secretary, DGP, official from the EC, Advocate General of the state, Additional Solicitor General of the Centre and Registrar General of the high court on the issue.

TRINAMOOL SAYS IT'S A BLOW TO ECI

Hailing the SC order to deploy judicial officers for SIR exercise, the ruling TMC's Kalyan Banerjee said that it is a blow to the Election Commission, which has "failed in discharging its constitutional duties"

"There is an unfortunate blame game of allegations and counter allegations which shows trust deficit between the WB government and the ECI. Now the process is stuck at the stage of claims and objections of the persons who have been included in the logical discrepancy list," said a three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and Justice Vipin Pancholi.

"We are left with hardly any other option but to request Calcutta High Court CJ to spare some serving judicial officers along with former judicial officers who can aid in disposal or revisiting of claims under the logical discrepancy list. Each officer shall be assisted by the ECI and officials of State government deputed to assist in the duty," the three-judge bench added.

The court was hearing a batch of pleas challenging the ECI's exercise of electoral rolls in West Bengal, where ECI submitted that they were not being provided well-qualified officers to conduct SIR.

Snehamayi detained over 'fake' audio clip of former MUDA commissioner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SOCIAL activist Snehamayi Krishna, who had filed a complaint against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others in connection the alleged illegal allotment of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), was detained by the Bengaluru Central Crime Branch (CCB) police on Friday, for allegedly creating fake documents and uploading a fabricated audio clip on social media, based on a complaint filed by ex-MUDA commissioner DB Natesh.

On Tuesday, Krishna had uploaded a six-second audio clip in which a person, whom Krishna claimed was Natesh, was heard saying, "We should find some link to establish connection with Snehamayi Krishna one-to-one." **CONTINUED ON: P4**

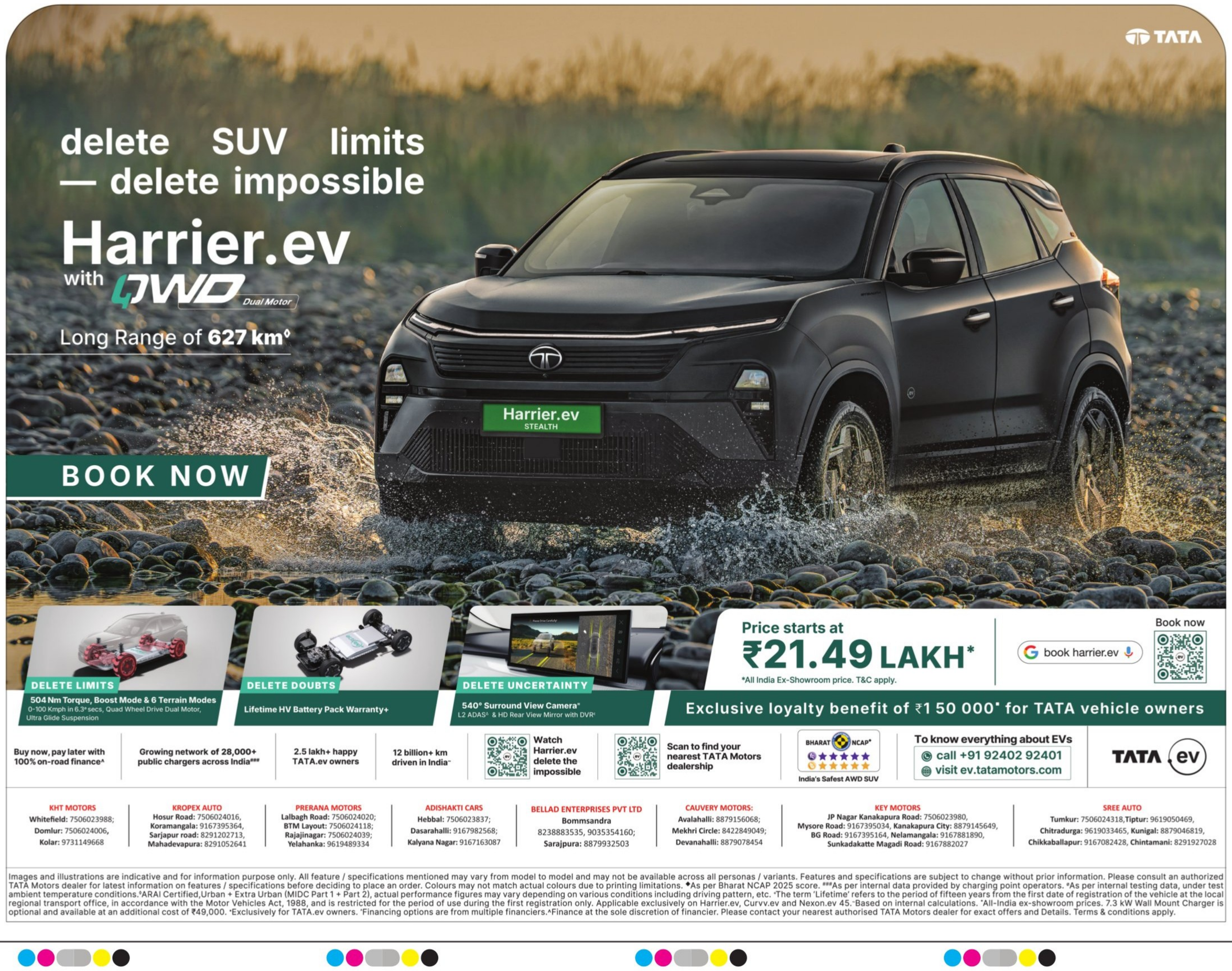
SP injured as stones thrown at procession in Bagalkot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bagalkot

BAGALKOT Superintendent of Police Siddharth Goyal and two others sustained injuries after stones were thrown at a Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti procession in the old city of Bagalkot on Thursday night. All of them escaped with minor injuries.

The incident occurred when the procession was passing through Pankha Masjid, one of the oldest mosques in the city, source said. One of the stones hit the SP, injuring him, but he is said to be out of danger.

Goyal told media persons that the stones thrown at the procession were not kept in advance or intentionally. "They were kept under a shoe rack to balance it," he said. **P4**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Dutch PM gives thumbs-up to green Bengaluru's air quality, tech ethos

Schoof bowled over by city's 'vibrant atmosphere'; says it's on par with Netherlands

BALA CHAUHAN @bengaluru

THE city endeared itself to Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof, who gave a shout-out to "green" Bengaluru, its "vibrant atmosphere", air quality and scientific and tech-driven ethos. Schoof arrived in the city on Thursday evening, after attending the AI India Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi.

"The city is green and its air quality is good. I ran in the morning and checked the air quality. It was roughly on par with The Netherlands," said Schoof. He spoke at length about the use of AI by the traffic police in managing Bengaluru's traffic and startup culture, which he witnessed during his visit to the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), where he was impressed by two startups using AI in healthcare and agriculture.

Recounting his visit to the Traffic Management Centre, Schoof said he was "most surprised at how police were using AI to regulate traffic in the city. They have all the data from open source and are able to predict, analyse and regulate traffic in real time, including creating green corridors to facilitate organ transport (for life saving organ transplant)."

The Dutch PM underscored the use of AI across domains, especially healthcare, and said it will be a gamechanger for all stakeholders; from doctors and healthcare providers to patients, and most importantly, it will bring down the cost. "The Netherlands has a big ageing population and healthcare cost and services are going out of control," he said, adding that AI applications in healthcare, for instance, in detecting diseases will improve quality, and timely services by doctors and nursing staff while making it more affordable to people.

Speaking about the AI India Impact Summit, he said it has brought India on the world map at a time when the US and China have intensified their competitive strategy around AI. The record turnout of European leaders at the New Delhi AI summit proved that Europe is pivoting towards India for taking the lead in AI in a collaborative manner. "It is important to step up our AI endeavours. India is a big player in the field. It is very important for Europe and India to work closely on AI and AI development," he added.

On the India-Netherlands trade agreement, Schoof said he had a very positive meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a strategic agreement (which is in final stages) on water management, defence, semiconductors etc, and looked forward to Modi's visit to the northwestern European country sometime this year.

"The Netherlands is the second largest investor from Europe to India, and fourth among the rest in the world. We have some of the best institutions and India has the talent. Together, we can be strong," he said.

On the impact of US tariffs on the global economy, Schoof said his country has always opposed tariffs but was not able to prevent them. He added that Europe has always been keen on open trade agreements and all eyes are now on the EU-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA). In his reaction to US President Donald Trump's threat to annex Greenland, Schoof said the problem was regarding security of the Arctic because of the Russians and Chinese. "We did come to an agreement - The Arctic Sentry -- some two weeks ago. I think that will solve the problem," said Schoof.

'Arctic Sentry', a multi-domain activity, was launched by NATO recently to improve security in the High North. "With Russia's increasing military activity and China's growing interest in the Arctic, the Allies have agreed to do more to ensure our collective security in this vital region," read the NATO statement.

Dutch PM Dick Schoof interacts with traffic and police officials at the Traffic Management Centre, Infantry road, on Friday

SCHOOF CHECKS OUT CITY'S TRAFFIC TECH

As part of his official city tour, Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof visited the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) on Infantry Road on Friday. Schoof was briefed on the advanced, technology-driven systems implemented to enhance road safety, streamline urban mobility and ensure efficient enforcement. Schoof witnessed live demonstration of real-time monitoring, AI-enabled surveillance, adaptive traffic signal control and seamless integrated command and control operations. He also got an overview of innovative initiatives and global best practices in traffic management, showcasing the city's commitment to smarter and safer roads. DG & IGP MA Saleem, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Karthik Reddy and other senior officers were present. **ENS**

GBA back to drawing board as govt says 6,500 staff too many

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

THE Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is reworking on the new Common Cadre and Recruitment (C&R) rule, as the state government has raised objections to its proposal to have around 6,500 officers and staff, including IAS, KAS and other officials, to the five city corporations. This would have a financial implication of Rs 50 crore per month, with a major part being the salaries of the staff. Citing higher burden on the exchequer, GBA has been told to rework the numbers of officers and staff and the finances.

"Excluding pourakarmikas and sanitation workers, who form the largest group, GBA and the five corporations together were estimated to require around 6,500 officers and staff across all categories -- Group A, B, C and D. The same was discussed at the state government level before submitting the C&R rule officially and we have been told that the staff numbers are higher and Rs 50 crore per month would be a big burden on the exchequer," said a senior GBA official. "We were told by officials from the Urban Development Department that the state finance department would not approve 6,500 employees. After this, we ran through the staff requirements again and found that some of the departments seem to have requested more staff than actually needed. Further, if the existing staff are utilised and optimised effectively, the total staff needed could be cut down. We are reworking on it."

The official said once they submit the C&R, it has to go through multiple stages before finalisation. "It has to go to the ministers concerned, pass the legal department and the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms. The final go-ahead has to be given by the state finance department," the official said.

When TNIE contacted GBA Special Commissioner (Finance and Administration) Harish Kumar, he said, "We will submit the revised C&R to the state government next week and are hopeful that it will be approved."

GBA gets 11 more members

Bengaluru: The state government on Friday re-constituted the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) by adding 11 members. In its August 26 notification last year, the government had constituted a 75-member GBA, headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, which has now been increased to 86 members. The newly added members are: Chikkaballapur MP Dr K Sudhakar and MP Sudha Murthy, Anekal MLA B Shivanna, MLCs Ramoji Gowda, Dr M R Seetharam, Umashree, H P Sudham Das and Ramesh Babu, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) Rithesh Kumar Singh and Additional Chief Secretary (Urban Development Department) Tushar Girinath. **ENS**

NARI SHAKTI

Prof Shivani V, Dean, Shastra Faculty, KSU; Dr Vijayalakshmi Balekundri, BMCRI, Bengaluru, and other eminent women inaugurate 'Bharati – Nari to Narayani', a convention of women thought leaders, at Kannada Sahitya Parishat on Friday | **EXPRESS**

Rao: Complete Ejipura flyover by July-end

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao directed the contractor to complete the entire Ejipura flyover project by July-end. During an inspection of various development works on Friday, he reviewed the progress of Ejipura flyover and expressed concern over the slow pace of work. He instructed the contractor to deploy additional machinery and manpower and to execute all components simultaneously to ensure timely completion.

He noted that even after three weeks since obstacles related to the installation of pillars near St John's Hospital were resolved, the piling work resumed only on Thursday. He reprimanded the contractor and directed that piling works be expedited and completed within 15 days. He instructed that pile cap and pillar construction be carried out alongside piling works and that superstructure segment casting be undertaken in parallel to accelerate progress.

Rao said, "Permission from the traffic police should be obtained to restrict traffic on one side of the road to facilitate rainwater pipeline work. Directions were issued to take possession of land belonging to Kendriya Sadan and the Astrophysics Society of India for the construction of a footpath, and to expedite ramp works near the Ejipura signal."

EXPRESS READ

Visually impaired students get hands-on aviation experience

With a view to providing hands-on experience of aircraft to visually impaired students, Hindustan Aviation Academy (HAA) recently hosted 30 students from the Help The Blind Foundation for a visit to its Bengaluru campus. The students had the opportunity to explore a helicopter and the cockpit, gaining practical exposure to aircraft operations. Dr K C Samuel, Chairman of HAA, welcomed the students and encouraged them to interact with the cockpit equipment, enhancing their understanding of aviation firsthand. The initiative aimed to provide an immersive learning experience and inspire interest in aviation among visually impaired students. **ENS**

Canara Bank to host two-day 'Canara Utsav'

Canara Bank will host "Canara Utsav 2026," a two-day exhibition promoting women entrepreneurs and local artisans, on February 22 and 23 at Jayamahal Convention Hall on Jayamahal Road. The event will run from 10 am to 8 pm and feature a wide range of handcrafted and organic products, including pottery, traditional sweets, handmade jewellery, candles, and organic food items. A food court offering organic products will also be available for visitors. **ENS**

Nagawara main road closed for white topping

All vehicular moments are restricted for 30 days within the limits of the K.G. Halli Traffic Police Station starting from Friday due to white topping works by GBA on Nagawara Main Road. All vehicles heading towards Shivajinagar are prohibited on Nagawara Main Road (from Nagawara Junction to Govindapura Junction).

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

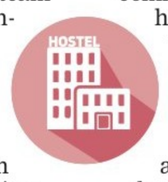
Vehicles travelling from Thanisandra towards Shivajinagar can take a left turn at Nagawara Junction, proceed via Nagawara Outer Ring Road up to Henur Junction. Take a right turn towards Siddappa Reddy Junction, continue with a right turn at BDA Junction, and then take a left turn near Narendra Tent Junction to reach Shivajinagar via Tannery Road.

East City to crack down on illegal PGs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BENGALURU East City Corporation, which has over 60% of paying guests (PGs) accommodations, formed a joint team to inspect the cases of unauthorised PGs sprouting in Bengaluru to ensure public safety.

Commissioner DS Ramesh said, "As per the order of the High Court, a joint inspection team comprising officials of the Health Department and the Urban Planning Department was formed to inspect compliance with public health and safety rules in PGs under the jurisdiction of the Eastern City Corporation within 15 days and submit a compliance report."



The commissioner says he also instructed the officers to check if the building is constructed as per the approved plan, whether it falls in the commercial zone and if they have obtained NOC from the fire department.

The officials were also asked to verify features like installation of CCTVs and data storage system for at least 90 days, a minimum 70 square feet of space per person, first aid kit, basic medical facilities, safe drinking water, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) certificate recognition if there is a kitchen for food preparation, security system, compliance with garbage segregation and disposal rules, and display boards of emergency contact numbers and take actions as per the rules.

The commissioner also held a meeting with officials on Friday, and asked them to get prepared for the National Census-2027. "Deploy the required human resources, including Charge Officer, Assistant Charge Officer, Enumerator Supervisors, Enumerators, Technical Assistants and other personnel required for the census work in the jurisdiction of the corporation and provide necessary training," he said

He also took instructed the officers to dispose of pending files related to contempt of court casesand strengthen the monitoring system.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

21st February : Taming the Fire Horse As the animal trainer knows, training a relaxed animal is hard enough. A stressed animal? Forget it. Our own wilder instincts follow the same law. Self-control comes after we calm down. In this first weekend of Pisces season in the Year of the Fire Horse, gentleness and trust become the path to mastery.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If what they're doing doesn't sound fun to you, you don't have to force it. Being intentional about your free time might mean trying something new or meeting different people. What were you doing the last time you had a blast?

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
An interesting question: Who am I around this person? Let the answer factor into your decisions about where to take this relationship, if you should take it anywhere at all. Liking a person is far less important than liking yourself when you're around them.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Sometimes you wonder if you're getting enough joy in life, and if you have to wonder, the answer is no. No, you're not. Pleasure, relaxation, attention, novelty and the like are not luxurious or optional; they are essential to your health and vitality.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You're not always the exquisitely protected crab. Today you're the snail, only half-protected by shell, at home while exploring, touching and touched, feeling and felt, sticky, not stuck. Steady, even while falling in love.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Though you're as empathetic as they come, today you won't be able to judge others' emotional experience by their immediate reaction. People won't express their feelings in typical ways. Being aware of that allows you to respond with understanding instead of frustration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
New locations open to you and you aim to go as a traveler and not a tourist, experiencing what is, not the front that's presented to newcomers in exchange for top dollar. Take the same approach to new relationships, and you're golden.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Today's work is very important. There are rewards for doing it and consequences for not doing it. But you still always put people first and you'll never be sorry for that order of prioritization.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
What seems convenient could be a trap instead of a solution. Poke around. What other options are there? The well-known route might be the slowest way to get there, as too many travelers created traffic jams.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Your body moves in rhythm with your moods and mirrors your personality. Today, it speaks louder than words, revealing what you wish to express -- or hide. What surprising self-knowledge!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You and the stranger next to you have something in common. Say hello, and you'll discover it fast. Don't? You'll still feel that mysterious, unspoken connection, like you're part of the same secret club.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You're popular today, but you're made well aware that you can't always choose who wants your attention. You can, however, choose who gets it. Go where it's peaceful and people aren't trying to demand, steal or hoard your focus.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You're not just going to succeed. You're going to succeed like YOU. You'll make it look so good and fun that others will imitate, trying to capture your style, which of course is impossible and flattering, too. Expect and enjoy your copycats.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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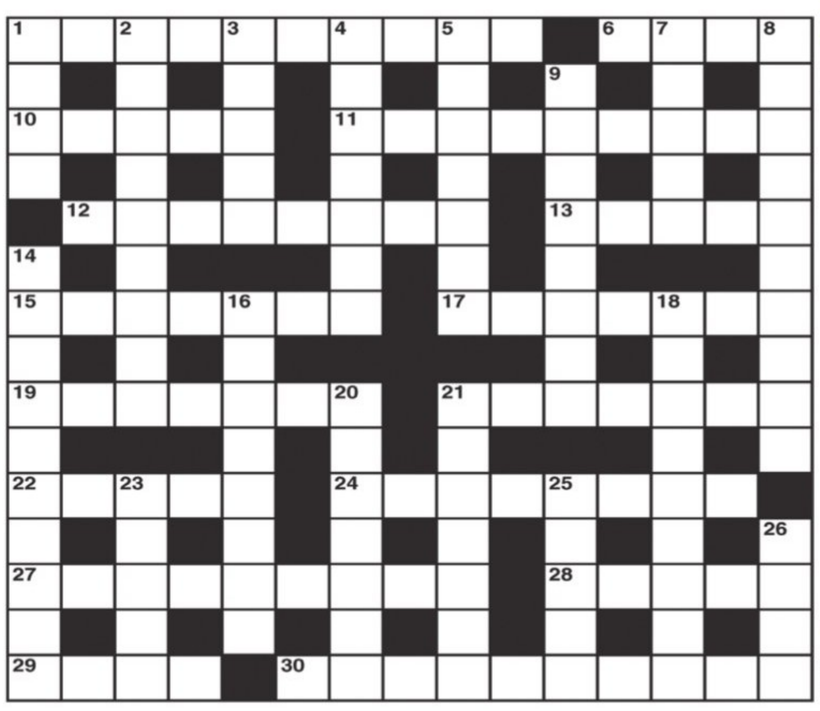

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Amazed at getting only a walk-on role? (10)
6 Cat turning up on a seagoing vessel (4)
10 Cook demands the right sort of oven (5)
11 He may be seen at the courts practising (9)
12 Be hot turning red and irritated (8)
13 Laity out abroad (5)
15 It may carry out a service on a summer afternoon (3,4)
17 Extremely fine wood (7)
19 Outdoor love-song about a writer (4-3)
21 Stirred to a rich stew (7)
22 Health-giving drink (5)
24 Make one try with mail packaging for the armed forces (8)
27 Canned - as sardines are (4-5)
28 Animal that's a knockout to the French (5)
29 Possibly went in the pond (4)
30 We may bet on them to give us hydrogen (10)

DOWN
1 One bound on a crest of a wave we hear (4)
2 Package turned up with address in detailed form (9)
3 Net takings? (5)
4 Something presumed to be freely available (7)
5 Takes steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)
7 It's very much used as a prefix (5)
8 A miserable and penitent condition (5,5)
9 Very serious internal trouble (5,3)
14 Had good chance of success, being upright (5,2,3)
16 Response concerning the deed (8)
18 Indefinite truce in an engagement (9)
20 A walker or a climber maybe (7)
21 Workless period when many leave home (7)
23 Chap on the base gets permit (5)
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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How can we make table-side Caesar salad without the lettuce?
I've got two tables waiting!
Relax! We've got an order on its way from the market.
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WHEN THEY RAN OUT OF LETTUCE FOR SALADS, SHE TOLD THE STAFF TO ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PRUNE ICIER POETRY MIGHTY
Answer: Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 will never show signs of age and always be — IN THEIR PRIME

EXPRESS READ

Woman held for stealing gold chain for boyfriend

Bengaluru: A 35-year-old woman who stole a gold chain worth about Rs 3.5 lakh to repay the loan of her boyfriend was arrested by the Hennur police. The accused Pramila stole the chain from the house where she was working as a house help. She is separated from her husband. Her boyfriend, Sudhakar, who is also married and has two children, met the accused while working at a factory in Bommanahalli. The search for the boyfriend is on. During the Sankranthi festival, Sudhakar asked for Rs 20,000 from Pramila to repay a loan. The flat owner found the chain was missing almost a month later. **ENS**

2 held for carrying hydroponic ganja at KIA

Bengaluru: Customs officers deployed at Terminal 2 (T2) of Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru apprehended two passengers arriving from Bangkok on Thursday and intercepted 1.9 kg of hydroponic ganja. The contraband was valued at around Rs 66.5 lakh and was found concealed in food packets inside cabin luggage. **ENS**

28 private clinics fined for violations

Bengaluru: Bangalore Urban Zilla Panchayat ordered action against 28 private healthcare facilities for violating provisions of the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act. The decisions were taken during the KPME Registration and Grievance Redressal Authority meeting chaired by the Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district on Thursday. Institutions were fined amounts ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000, with total penalties amounting to Rs 9.35 lakh. 13 cases were closed after review, and 15 items remain pending. The authority recommended filing an FIR against one of the diagnostic centres for serious violations. **ENS**

NIA offers ₹5L reward for info on LeT man

Says he tried to help 2008 blast convict T Nazeer escape

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) has announced a cash reward of Rs 5lakh for information on Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) member Junaid Ahmed. The 33-year-old accused, a proclaimed offender, is wanted in a case relating to seizure of arms, ammunition and explosives. The case was registered at Hebbal police station in July 2023. The proclaimed offender, with seven aliases, was a resident of Mallige Layout, Nagashettihalli, in Bengaluru.

NIA has stated that whoever provides any information leading to the arrest of Junaid Ahmed shall be rewarded, and the identity of the informer will be kept secret. Information can be shared on 080-29510900 or 8904241100. Junaid Ahmed goes by the aliases Junaid, JD Jamsheeda, Jaan, Suhana, DJ Ritz, Jameela and Jannu. In July 2023, Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths arrested five terror suspects who were radicalized at Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agahara by an LeT operative to carry out terror attacks in the city. Seven countrymade pistols, 45 live rounds of ammunition, walkie-talkie sets, a dagger and 12 mobile phones were recovered from the accused. The five were arrested in Hebbal police station limits. An FIR was registered against the five terror suspects along with LeT operative T Naseer alias Ummer Haji, and Junaid Ahmed. The five arrested, along with Junaid Ahmed, had allegedly abducted and killed Noor Ahmed over suspected business rivalry in RT Nagar police limits in 2017. After serving imprisonment as undertrials for almost 18 months, the five arrested along with Junaid Ahmed had been enlarged on bail. The fivesome was doing menial jobs after their release.

Junaid Ahmed was again arrested in 2020 for smuggling red sanders and was back in the same jail for another five months. The next year, he was arrested in a dacoity case. After coming out on bail, he is said to have fled the country and is presently taking shelter in a Middle Eastern country.

On July 8 last year, NIA had arrested Junaid's mother Anees Fathima on charges of providing logistical support and funds to T Naseer inside Bengaluru Central Prison. She was also involved in handling hand grenades and walkie-talkies. Along with Fathima, assistant sub-inspector Chand Pasha from the City Armed Reserve-South and Dr Nagaraj, psychiatrist of Bengaluru Central Prison, were also arrested. On January 2 this year, NIA had charged Fathima, Pasha and Nagaraj in the 2023 Bengaluru prison radicalisation case.

INFORM NIA, DON'T TAKE REWARD, CHIEF IMAM TELLS MUSLIMS

MOHAMMED YACOOB
@Bengaluru

Following the NIA announcing a reward of Rs 5lakh for information on the whereabouts of Laskhar-e-Taiba operative Junaid Ahmed, Bengaluru's City Market Jamia Masjid Chief Imam Maqsood Imran Rashadi has stated that members of the community should not look for rewards and serve the nation by passing on information about the fugitive terrorist. The Imam said, "The Islamic faith never professes terror acts, killing innocents, and since the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has issued a wanted notice along with a cash reward of Rs 5lakh for informants, the community should not look for rewards, and instead just do a service to the nation by ensuring such persons are caught and dealt with," he said. "I am going to get this information announced in masjids across the state. Community members will be asked to give information about Junaid Ahmed and such persons who are harmful to society at large in case they come across them." There are about 800 masjids in Bengal-uru alone, and over 2,000 masjids across Karnataka, and the community will be asked to look for Junaid based on post-ers circulated by NIA. It is the primary duty of all citizens show loyalty, and anyone who violates the law of the land or is involved in terror acts, the community will be asked to inform the authorities, Rashadi added.

XPRESS FOCUS

'Astrology not mysticism; but disciplined science of time, land & human potential'

In an era when astrology is often dismissed as superstition, P. Dinesh Guruji offers a disciplined, scientific approach. Managing Director of Gold Tree Astro and founder of the Nakshatra Nadi system, he blends two decades of corporate leadership with astrological research to demystify astrology and reaffirm its modern relevance.

Two names are closely associated with your work: Gold Tree Astro and Nakshatra Nadi. What is the distinction?
Gold Tree Astro is the registered company under which all official activities such as registration, payments and operations are conducted. Nakshatra Nadi is the brand and philosophy I practise and teach. It is similar to a company housing multiple brands. Nakshatra Nadi represents the astrological framework.

What exactly is Nakshatra Nadi as a system of astrology?
Nakshatra Nadi is based on the pulse, vibration and movement of the nakshatras. Rather than relying only on the traditional Parashari system, we observe how nakshatras function dynamically. It is not a single-method approach. We integrate multiple modalities and apply astrology in a structured, scientific way.

Where did your journey begin?
I was born in 1975 and brought up in Bengaluru. I completed my schooling and higher education here, including a Bachelor of Business Management. My family background is rooted in temple traditions from Tirupati and Tirumala, although my father was an engineer with the Karnataka Irrigation Department.

Astrology was not your first career choice, was it?
Not at all. I began my professional life in sales and marketing. My first job was with Dabur in Hyderabad around 1998–99. That period also marked the beginning of my serious study of astrology, alongside my corporate career.

How did your corporate career progress after that?
After Dabur, I worked with Gillette India, then known as Indian Shaving Products Limited. I later joined Spice Telecom in 2001 and stayed until 2007, eventually rising to Senior Manager. In 2008, I joined Samsung and headed the South India business for handheld devices, managing close to a thousand people. In 2013, I briefly worked with Reliance Jio as Deputy General Manager.

When did astrology take centre stage in your life?
Astrology always ran parallel to my corporate career. I attended classes on weekends, studied extensively and read nearly 500 books. I trained with the Indian Council of Astrological Sciences in Bengaluru and served as a voluntary faculty member between 2010 and 2013. By 2015, I felt strongly that I should dedicate myself fully to astrology.

Why did you choose television as your primary platform?
Media allows knowledge to reach people at scale. After nearly 17 years in the corporate world, I had financial stability. I wanted to reinvest that stability into teaching astrology as a science. I was not interested in fear-based consultations or superstition.

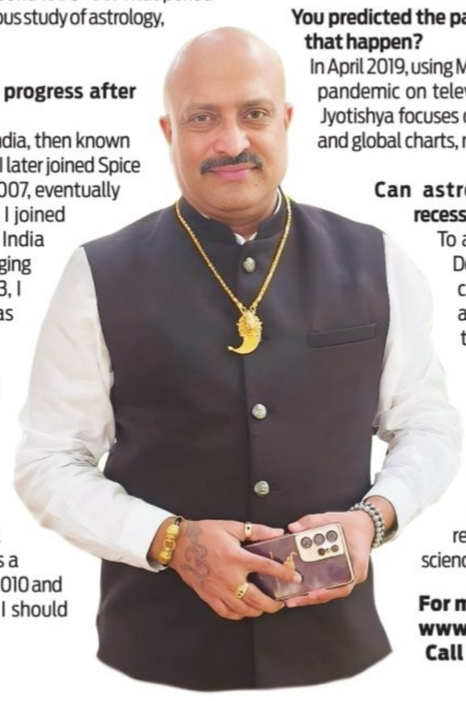
Which television platforms have you worked with?
I began with Suvarna News and later worked with Janashree News, Kasturi News, Sarala Jeevan, VIP News, Vistara, Ashwamedha and IHTV. Currently, I appear on Guarantee News, which has gained strong traction in a short time.

You are widely known as an astrology educator. How did that begin?
In 2016, I began teaching astrology through short, structured courses. I strongly believe astrology is a simple subject if taught correctly. I started with six-day weekend classes and gradually expanded. To date, we have completed more than 110 batches and taught around 65,000 students.

How are your courses structured today?
We begin with an entry-level course, followed by advanced, excellence and Vastu programmes. At the highest level is Jyotishya Ratna, which is equivalent to a doctoral standard. Students train for a year and must write a book. Around 900 students have achieved this level so far.

You are transparent about course fees, which is rare in this field. Why?
Transparency is essential. The basic course fee is ₹6,900 for 15 days. I often say that for ₹7,000, one can learn astrology instead of repeatedly paying for consultations. Astrology should empower people, not exploit them.

You predicted the pandemic before Covid-19 occurred. How did that happen?
In April 2019, using Medini Jyotishya calculations, I predicted a global pandemic on television. The recording is still available. Medini Jyotishya focuses on planetary movements in relation to nations and global charts, not individuals.



Can astrology predict economic events like recessions?
To an extent, yes. Everything depends on Kaala, Desha and Vartamana, meaning time, place and current context. A global slowdown does not affect all countries equally. Astrology indicates trends and intensity, not precise outcomes.

What is your core philosophy on astrology and destiny?
Fate cannot be changed. Astrology does not alter destiny. It helps us understand favourable and difficult periods so we can act with awareness. I do not promote fear, blind remedies or unnecessary rituals. Astrology is a science of timing, probability and preparedness.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

Department of Health & Family Welfare

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Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Karnataka

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Chief Guest
Shri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka

Chief Guest
Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao
Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka

Presiding
Shri Rizwan Arshad
Hon'ble MLA, Shivajinagar Assembly Constituency

Venue
Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru.

Date 21.02.2026 | Time 11.00 AM

1000+ Permanent Job Recruitement

- Priority appointments for 320 candidates from the Kalyana Karnataka region.
- Permanent recruitment to 650 paramedical posts across the state.
- Appointment of 77 new Drug Inspectors.

Recruitment Under Process

Post	Number of Vacancies
Primary Health Care Officers	1,205
Kalyana Karnataka Paramedical Posts	877
Staff Nurses	600
Health Inspectors	300
Pharmacy & Laboratory Technical Officers	800
MBBS & Specialist Doctors	220

Administrative Milestones

Transfer of 5,700+ staff through transparent online counselling, a first in the Dept's history.

A first-of-its-kind initiative: Out of the approved 1000 Apprenticeship programme, 226 D.Pharma candidates have been selected for training in first phase.

Obstetricians, Anaesthetists & Paediatricians have been redeployed from less work load Community Health Centres to ensure 24 hours services in all Taluk Hospitals & selected high load CHC's.

Transparent selection & posting of 1,400 newly graduated doctors to vacant MBBS positions statewide under one-year compulsory medical service with preference to Govt quota candidates.

Reasonable restriction to curb private practice of Govt Doctors to ensure priority for Govt Health Services.

Implementation of Face Recognition based attendance [KAMS] for the first time & 33000+ regular employees are already registered in the state.

Establishment of a Directorate of Recruitment & phase wise creation of a Public Health Management Cadre in pipeline.

Posting of administrative staff through transparent and objective criteria is planned.

Strong Karnataka, Strong Lives

Honourable Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah & Health Minister Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao participated in the department's programme

Protecting public property and renouncing violence is a fundamental constitutional duty of every Indian citizen.

Your Health, Our Priority

Deputy Chief Minister Committee president D K Shivakumar, who is the AICC observer for Assam Assembly polls, on Friday claimed that an "anti-incumbency mood" was building in the northeastern state, asserting that people there were looking for a change in government

Attempt to silence Snehamayi, claims son

Says govt responsible if anything happens to his father; raids on activist's Mysuru office, residence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

HIGH drama prevailed on Friday after activist Snehamayi Krishna was detained by the police in Bengaluru just hours before he was scheduled to argue in court the controversial 50:50 site distribution by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Simultaneously, CCB sleuths, including three women police personnel, searched Krishna's office and residence in Gowrishankar Nagar in Bandipalya, Mysuru, till 5.30 pm. At the time of the search, Krishna's wife was present at the residence. Several documents and a printer were seized from the premises.

Krishna was in Bengaluru to argue the case related to a B-report filed by the Lokayukta police exonerating Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife BM Parvathy in the case related to alleged irregularities in MUDA's site allotment process.

After the arrest, Krishna's son Vivek said his father was taken into custody by sleuths of the City Crime Branch (CCB). "We were informed that he was taken by CCB officials. But when I went to the CCB office, they said he was not there. I am worried that he is being taken to an undisclosed location. I fear for my father's life. If anything happens to him, the state government will be responsible," he said.

He alleged that the detention was timed to prevent Krishna from presenting his arguments and evidence to the court. "Fearing that he might provide evidence during the court proceedings scheduled for the afternoon, the police arrested him. This is an attempt to silence him," he alleged.

Vivek, who is in Bengaluru, said the police did not provide the family with a copy of the FIR or details of the case under which his father was arrested. He claimed that his father had been under pressure for pursuing the MUDA case and for levelling allegations against former MUDA commissioner DB Natesh, including claims of bribery involving Lokayukta officials and a senior IAS officer for promotion.

He said Krishna had recently released an audio clip and supporting evidence related to the allegations.

CCB officials remained tight-lipped about both the alleged detention and raids. A member of the search team reportedly said the entire operation was videographed and there was no need for concern regarding missing documents.

CCB police take custody of evidence during the raid at RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna's residence and office in in Bandipalya, Mysuru, on Friday | UDAYASHANKAR S

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> Vivek, Snehamayi Krishna's son

> Krishna was detained near the City Civil and Sessions Court in Bengaluru, when he had come to attend a court case and is currently being questioned. Further action will be taken based on the inquiry
>
> Police officer

NATESH'S ALLEGATIONS IN FIR

Based on the former MUDA commissioner complaint, the police have registered a case under Sections 336 (forgery) and 335 (making a false document) under the BNS and IT act.

- Snehamayi Krishna, through his Facebook account, carried out a sustained campaign to defame him by publishing fabricated digital content.
- **On February 17**, Krishna uploaded a six-second AI-generated audio clip and falsely claimed it to be the complainant's voice to suggest clandestine contact.
- Forged electronic documents were circulated online, falsely depicting financial transactions linked to corruption and illegal gratification.
- **On February 17**, a letter purportedly addressed to the chief secretary was posted online alleging that the officer had paid crores of rupees to secure a promotion.
- **Posts dated February 8** claimed that the complainant had paid Rs 4.35 crore to officials of the Karnataka Lokayukta to obtain a favourable investigation report in connection with the MUDA case.
- **On October 26, 2025**, video clips from a private family marriage function were uploaded without the complainant's consent, accompanied by captions that portrayed him as a corrupt official enjoying with impunity.

Activist detained when he arrived in B'luru for court case

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KRISHNA had alleged in the social media post that there has been constant effort to lure him into retracting from the MUDA case.

"Earlier, I had filed a complaint when Srinidhi and Harsha tried to lure me. Now, former MUDA commissioner Natesh has contacted a person close to him, asking the person to take me to him. I have got the audio recording of the same and I will submit it to the court seeking investigation," Krishna posted.

Further, he claimed that Natesh had paid a huge sum to a senior IAS officer to get a promotion and claimed that he had filed a complaint with the Income Tax department and Enforcement Directorate.

On Wednesday, Natesh, who is a senior KAS officer, in a compliant with the Cyber Crime Police alleged that Krishna had created fake documents and an audio clip and uploaded them on his Facebook account using his photograph, carrying out a defamatory campaign against him and harassing him.

The police said that after receiving the complaint, evidence was collected from the complainant as well as from social media platforms, and an inquiry was conducted. After obtaining a search warrant from the jurisdictional court, a search was conducted on Friday at Krishna's Mysuru residence, where documents related to the case were seized.

Further, a notice was issued to Krishna, directing him to appear before the investigation officer.

A senior police officer, who is part of the investigation, told *The New Indian Express* that Krishna was detained near the City Civil and Sessions Court in Bengaluru, when he had come to attend a court case and is currently being questioned. Further action will be taken based on the inquiry, said the officer.

Krishna had filed a complaint with the Lokayukta police, accusing Siddaramaiah, his wife and others of illegally obtaining MUDA sites. The police, however, had filed a 'B' report (closure report) in the case, giving clean chit to the CM, his wife and two others, while continuing the probe against other accused.

MY TAKE

Need for fire in belly to fight fire in cities

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ON February 23 this year, it will be 16 years since the horrific fire tragedy at Carlton Towers on Old Airport Road in Bengaluru. The fire claimed nine lives and left more than 60 injured, many of the survivors still nursing the physical and mental trauma from that ill-fated day.

In a grim reminder that despite struggles and efforts by organisations like fire safety advocacy group Beyond Carlton, fire accidents continue to pose a real and present danger in an increasingly congested city like Bengaluru, a wheelchair-bound octogenarian was charred to death at 2.20 am on Thursday when a suspected short circuit set off a fire in his house where he lived alone in Mailasandra near Kengeri in Bengaluru.

A grimmer reminder than that is that while most of the deaths occurred in the Carlton Towers fire tragedy due to lack of exits to enable the people to escape from the fire and dense smoke that asphyxiated them, many buildings in Bengaluru continue to lack easy exits to escape fires. It is as if tragedies are waiting to happen despite the tragic lessons learnt from the past.

People need to understand that most fire tragedies can be prevented. In almost all fire accidents, violation of safety norms is the prime cause for the tragedies. The most common violations were found to be closed doors that were locked and sealed, use of inflammable substances, lack of well delineated fire escape routes, and – the most shocking – lack of fire safety awareness.

Beyond Carlton was set up by Uday Vijayan, the grief-stricken father of Akhil Uday, who was just 22 years old when his life was snuffed out by the tragedy. Post the Carlton Towers fire tragedy, a public interest litigation (PIL) was filed by Beyond Carlton, which resulted in the state government issuing a notification in 2011 under Section 13 of the Karnataka Fire Services Act which focuses on fire prevention in high-rise buildings (that are of 15 metres height or more). The notification states that a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Fire & Emergency Services Department is needed for a new building; and that it needs to be renewed every two years. It also lists penalties for not obtaining the NOC.

But one of the main demands of Beyond Carlton has been to effectively spread awareness among the people with the focus on prevention and fighting fires. It has been asking for setting up a formal Fire Wardens Organisation within the Karnataka State Fire & Emergency Services Department. The wardens will carry out periodic audits for fire safety violations in their buildings; conduct fire safety awareness sessions for the citizens; be the designated Disaster Recovery Personnel (DRP) and help in evacuation during a fire; and be the first responders during any fire accident and help firemen in firefighting.

Fire wardens do exist in Bengaluru, but they are not officially under the department, although the initiative is under consideration following Beyond Carlton's insistence. These fire wardens are trained to identify fire hazards, manage evacuations, and guide people during fire emergencies. Their training is provided by institutions like The Safe Talk Academy and RA Mundkur Fire & Emergency Services Academy. However, presently, fire wardens exist primarily within corporate offices, commercial high-rise buildings and industrial sectors to ensure fire safety compliance and evacuation management, but they are conspicuous by their absence in residential areas – and that is where the underbelly lies vulnerable to fires.

Besides, infrastructural inadequacies remain. Inadequate number of fire stations (Bengaluru ideally needs one for every 10 square km, but where's the space?); lack of adequate number of aerial ladders of more than 50 metres for buildings taller than that (and there are over 400 buildings in the city over that height); the congested traffic restricting easy, quick movement of fire engines through the city roads; and narrow access points making it difficult for fire engines to reach the best suited spot to fight fire, are some of the problems that exist.

In fact, the state's forest department is better placed – even technologically – to monitor forest fires than the state fire department is to monitor fires in a congested city like Bengaluru. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) provides near-real-time forest fire alerts and monitoring services, typically six to eight times daily during the fire season – which is from mid-January to May – using data from sensors like Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on two NASA satellites Terra and Aqua, and Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) aboard the joint National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)-National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (Suomi NPP) and NOAA-20 satellites. These alerts, which include geo-coordinates of fire locations, are sent to the Forest Survey of India (FSI), state forest departments, and via the Bhuvan Geoportal for fire management. Besides, ISRO has supported specific initiatives like the fully automated fire detection system for Karnataka and similar systems for Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

However, the main challenge lies in preventing and fighting fires in Bengaluru and other fast-growing cities. But we need fire in our bellies to prevent and fight fires in heavily populated locations. And it's not an impossible task, however challenging it may seem.

Miscreants deface idols in Gadag dist

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

TWO more cases of defacement of idols in Gadag's historical temples were reported in the past two days. Miscreants defaced a Shivalinga in the Shiva temple in Mallikarjunapur, and the idol of goddess Mariyamma was desecrated in the temple near Adrahalli village in Laxmeshwar taluk of Gadag district. The miscreants painted the face of the idol with ink, and damaged part of it, making it appear distorted.

After news of the treasure in Lakkundi broke out, miscreants have been targeting historical temples on the outskirts of the village or farther away. Last week, Shiva and Nandi idols were defaced near Singatalur village of Mundargi taluk in Gadag district, on the banks of the river Tungabhadra.

With defacement of idols increasing across the district, villagers have complained to the police in Laxmeshwar and Mundargi taluks, and demanded strict action and punishment for the wrongdoers. Villagers say the miscreants are targeting the temples for treasure. The defacing of Shivalinga, Nandi idol and Honnathamma idol in Singatalur village on Shivaratri, had shocked the entire district. Now, the fresh defacement has hurt the sentiments of devotees. As news of the defacement spread, hundreds of villagers gathered near the temples to express their anger.

"Those who are playing with the sentiments of our religion should be arrested immediately and given strict punishment," Adrahalli villagers said.

Gadag SP Rohan Jagadish said teams have been formed and investigation is under way. "The defacement acts look like the wrongdoers are not mentally fit and as per primary sources, these are not acts carried out to create any disturbances or hunt for treasure. However, we cannot ascertain anything till investigation is completed and we need community participation. We will soon nab the wrongdoers."

Siddu condemns Bagalkot incident, directs cops to conduct impartial probe

Heavy police deployment after stones were thrown at a Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti procession in the old city of Bagalkot on Thursday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday condemned the stone throwing incident in Bagalkot on Thursday night and directed the police department to conduct an impartial investigation into it.

In his X post, Siddaramaiah said, "The incident of stone pelting in Bagalkot is unfortunate. I appeal to all citizens to maintain peace and harmony. Karnataka's strength lies in its unity and brotherhood. The police have taken swift action and have already made arrests. They are conducting a thorough investigation to identify the cause of the incident and all those responsible. Strict action will be taken against the perpetrators, irrespective of who they are. I urge everyone not to fall prey to rumours or provocation. Let us stand together to preserve peace and communal harmony in our state."

Meanwhile, BJP leaders slammed the government and alleged that the incident was a result of its appeasement politics.

The CM said, "We will not tolerate anyone disturbing peace. People should ignore provocative statements and help maintain peace. The police will act impartially."

Leader of Opposition in the legislative Assembly R Ashoka said it appears that Hindu religious practices have been banned in the state. He demanded that the provisions of the Goonda Act be invoked against the accused who threw stones at the procession.

He told reporters that miscreants threw stones at a procession taken out in honour of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It was aimed at insulting Shivaji Maharaj. "Shivaji fought for Hindu religion. The incident was planned well in advance. In the recent past, stones were thrown at a procession to immerse Ganesha idols in Mandya, miscreants also threw stones at a procession of Om Shakthi devotees. But the government had instructed the police not to arrest those involved in these incidents, he alleged.

Accusing the Congress government of being "anti-Hindu", Ashoka said that it should take stern action against the miscreants and send them to jail. Otherwise, it will be assumed that the government is indulging in appeasement politics, he added.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra condemned the incident and demanded that the government take tough action against the miscreants.

MP Basavaraj Bommai alleged that the government is shielding those involved in the Bagalkot incident.

Chief whip of Opposition in the legislative Council N Ravi Kumar too condemned the incident.

Eight arrested, situation now under control

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IGP, Northern Range, Chetan Singh Ranthod too gave the same account of the incident. He said the stone that hit SP was not targeted at him, but was thrown indiscriminately.

Immediately after stones were thrown, the situation turned tense as those taking part in the procession and people present at the mosque faced off. The police had a tough time trying to pacify the two groups.

Prohibitory orders have been imposed in the city till the night of February 24.

Sources said the situation turned tense when the procession, where loud DJ music was being played, reached near the mosque. "The procession arrived at the mosque around 10 pm when Muslims were offering special Ramzan prayers. As the music was loud, those praying could not hear anything. Some people from the mosque threw stones at the procession and the SP, who was standing near the police jeep parked across the entrance of the mosque, was injured," said an eyewitness.

Around midnight, miscreants set fire to a few push carts. Rathod said a case has been booked against unknown persons. The situation is tense in the town, but under control, the police said. Police have been deployed at sensitive areas.

On Friday, the police resorted to a mild lathicharge to disperse some pro-Hindu activists who were trying to gather near the Masjid area by violating prohibitory orders. The protestors wanted to call for a bandh. The police, however, stopped them and disbursed them by caning them.

District in-charge minister RB Timmapur said eight persons have been arrested in connection with the incident.

Tension after Sangolli Rayanna statue found defaced

Belagavi: Tension gripped Machhe village on the outskirts of Belagavi on Thursday night when miscreants defaced the statue of freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna. The police received a complaint late at night stating that black paint was smeared on the statue. The incident came to light when a group of youth spotted the defacement in the night and immediately gathered at the spot, raising slogans in protest. Samples of the substance smeared on the statue have been collected and sent for forensic examination. Meanwhile, the incident has created a tense atmosphere in the area, with security tightened to prevent any untoward situation. Meanwhile, police have launched an investigation to ascertain whether the substance smeared on the statue was deliberate defacement or merely a natural tree residue, Police Commissioner Bhushan Borase said on Friday. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

LEADING TEAM TO DELHI, SATISH PLANNING TO STAKE CLAIM TO KPCC CHIEF'S POST?

Bengaluru: Amid the power transfer tussle between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar, Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi leading a delegation of Congress MLAs and leaders to New Delhi has triggered curiosity. The visit comes after Shivakumar, who is the AICC observer for Assam Assembly polls, met AICC General Secretary and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Assam over preparation for Assembly polls in that state. With that, he had sent out a message to both his loyalists and detractors in the party that the high command will decide on the change in CM post at an appropriate time. It is in this backdrop that Satish is planning to meet high command leaders to stake the claim to the KPCC president's post. But it will not be easy as AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Shivakumar are said to be planning to nominate an original Congress leader to the post, sources said. Satish claimed that he was leading the lawyers' delegation to the Supreme Court to look at the infrastructure and how the lawyers' lounge could be replicated at the High Court circuit bench in Dharwad. — **Devaraj B Hirehalli**

Members of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry strongly objected the public hearing conducted by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission on the Annual Performance Review and true-up petition filed by BESCOM for FY 2024-25, raising concerns over regulatory non-compliance, lack of transparency, and issues adversely affecting consumers

Tech con: HC refuses to quash criminal case against 4 accused

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THIS case is akin to a crime thriller or potboiler. The accused/perpetrators of cybercrime created a fake website of State Bank of India (SBI) and managed to hack the website of the bank to generate an OTP to make the complainant believe that he has, in fact, received money in his account. Again, they hacked the website of the bank to show the balance in the account of the complainant as Rs 225crore, and secured commission of Rs 7.15crore from the complainant, the Karnataka High Court said, refusing to quash criminal proceedings against four accused.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order, rejecting the four separate petitions filed by them, questioning criminal proceedings initiated against them based on a complaint filed by Vinayak Kabadi from Gadag in 2022, under the provisions of the IPC and Information Technology Act.

The accused are Balajee aka Balaji Sha of Tamil Nadu, Seba Jeevan Sebaratnam of the United Kingdom, presently residing in Bengaluru, Vinay Kumar Agarwal of Bengaluru, and Silmia aka Silmya Fathima of Tamil Nadu. Some of the accused, who are leading lavish lives and investing the fraud money abroad, were also booked by the CBI.

"Investigation has revealed not an isolated lapse, but a concerted conspiracy allegedly replicated across states, involving the victim. The role attributed to each of the accused is neither vague nor incidental. The summary of the chargesheet painstakingly delineates the part played by each accused -- from the introduction and inducement to technological execution, to siphoning off and laundering of funds," the court observed.

Additional State Public Prosecutor BN Jagadeesha submitted that the chargesheet clearly indicates that the accused created a fake SBI website, generated an OTP on the mobile phone of the complainant to make him believe his account had been credited with Rs 225crore. Believing the accused, the complainant transferred Rs 7.15 crore to the account of the accused, which is the only transfer in the case in hand, he told the court.

Creating the website sbicf.co.in

Kabadi was interested in establishing a sugar factory and was looking to raise loans for it. In October 2017, he is said to have visited a tile showroom at Indiranagar in Bengaluru, owned by Vinay Agarwal, who is said to have arranged a meeting with Niyaz at a star hotel in the city. Niyaz and Vinay are said to have assured him of getting a loan of Rs 225 crore.

They asked the complainant to come to Chennai to meet SBI officials at a hotel. Niyaz and his wife Silmia introduced Kabadi to Sebaratnam Jeevan and Krishnamurthy Balaji. All of them are said to have lured the complainant into believing they would get a loan from SBI and demanded a commission of 7%, to which Kabadi agreed.

Documents were transmitted to the accused. Further, an email was sent to the complainant, and Rs 49lakh was said to have been credited in his SBI account, opened on January 4, 2018. Another email transaction alert came from the website sbicf.co.in, informing him that Rs 115crore had been credited into his account, and again Rs 110crore was shown to have been credited. The total available balance showed Rs 225.49 crore.

Convinced with the balance being shown, the complainant paid Rs 7.15crore, which is 50 per cent of the commission amount. He then checked the account in SBI physically. On coming to know that he had been duped, Kabadi registered a complaint on July 16, 2022, with Chandra Layout police.

'Resource Book on Accessibility in Educational Institutions', a practice-oriented guide compiled by APD was released on Friday

Next census to include those with neuro disability

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@ Bengaluru

The next nation-wide population census will include a broader definition of disability, Manmeet Nanda, Additional Secretary of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, said on Friday. "The census will start next year. It should be completed by 2028-29." Nanda told TNIE at 'Purple Manthan' held at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) by the Association of People with Disability (APD) to commemorate a decade of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act. The broader definition proffered by Nanda is one that includes neurodivergence into the scope, not stopping at merely physical.

Nanda said, "We must realise that in a federal structure, many issues get decided at the state level. A policy may be made by the Union government, but it has to be adopted and implemented at the state level. Disability, like health, education, or transportation, is (also) a state subject."

According to her, the sector working with disabilities, including for-profit, non-profit, and governmental entities, is a fragmented one, "I believe that government schemes really need to shed barriers. We need to make them very uncomplicated because they are very troublesome to apply to," she said.

Safaris to resume today with strict curbs: Khandre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

SAFARI operations that were suspended in the wake of rising man-animal conflict, will resume from Saturday under stringent conditions, Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister said Eshwar Khandre on Friday.

Chairing a meeting with officials, he made it clear that conditions laid down in the order must be strictly enforced, and warned that officials would be directly accountable for any violation. Khandre said only 50 per cent of safari vehicles and staffers on duty prior to November 7, would be deployed initially. Preference should be given to buses for safari operations, while the use of campers and jeeps must be kept to a minimum. Detailed operational guidelines will be included in the official order.

The minister instructed officials to identify vulnerable zones in Bandipur and Nagarahole tiger reserves, where incidents of human-wildlife conflict have been reported. Patrolling must be intensified in such areas to ensure that wild animals do not stray into human habitations, thereby preventing loss of life and crop damage.

EXPRESS READ

State-wide protest by cooks-helpers to impact midday meal service in Karnataka

Bengaluru: With lakhs of Cooks-cum-Helpers (CCH) affiliated to AIUTUC going on state wide protest from today, the midday meals in schools and anganwadis is likely to be impacted in Karnataka. As per the workers, despite several requests and assurances from the government, there was no increase in their honorarium. Sandhya P S, State Secretary for AIUTUC said, "The helpers of midday meals are paid meagre salary of Rs 4700. We want the State to hike this honorarium in the upcoming budget. It should be credited by 5th of every month, unlike current situation with delays and pending payment. Instead of 10 months, we must be paid for 12 months. We also want pension and include life insurance schemes."

State Govt forms panel to achieve zero maternal mortality

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@Bengaluru

THE State Government has constituted a high-level empowered committee to implement a plan aimed at reducing preventable maternal mortality to zero in the state.

The plan, approved at a cost of Rs 139.53 crore under the KTPP scheme for 2025–26, focuses on reducing the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) through coordinated, multi-departmental efforts.

The committee has been granted authority to permit filling critical vacant sanctioned posts through contract appointments or outsourcing. It also holds administrative powers related to disciplinary action and may delegate officers from relevant departments for specific tasks. Additionally, the committee will provide direction for inter-departmental coordination to ensure effective implementation of the campaign.

Its functions include examining the causes of maternal mortality in the state and taking preventive measures. The committee will ensure coordination among the Departments of Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education, Women and Child Development, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Urban Development, Revenue and other concerned departments to support the drive to reduce preventable maternal mortality to zero. It will work to ensure universal access to maternal health services for all pregnant women and address disparities in maternal healthcare, particularly in public health institutions.

The committee will also strengthen primary, secondary and tertiary health services by ensuring the availability of human resources, equipment, medicines and services required for safe delivery. It will establish accountability mechanisms to improve quality of care and maternal health outcomes and coordinate with the private sector to ensure continuity of maternal health services across the state.

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NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATI
(A Central University established by and Act of Parliament)

भर्ती अधिसूचना RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
Teaching Posts (Direct Recruitment)
(Advt.No.NSKTU/Admn./T/2025/04 dated 18.02.2026)

National Sanskrit University, Tirupati invites online applications from Indian Nationals for the Direct Recruitment of Teaching Positions.

Sl No.	Name of the Post	No.of Posts Vacant	No.of Posts & Reserved Categories						Academic Pay Level (7th CPC)
			SC	ST	OBC	PwBD	EWS	UR	
1	Associate Professor in Yoga Vijnana	01	-	-	01*	-	-	-	13A
2	Associate Professor in Agama	01	-	-	-	-	-	01	13A

*Backlog vacancies

The last date for submission of online applications for teaching positions is 15-03-2026. For detais of posts, educational qualification, experience and other criteria, please visit the University website http://www.nsktu.ac.in.

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA 9, DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA MARG, NEW DELHI-110002

Empanelment of Chartered Accountant firms/LLPs for the year 2026-2027

Online Applications are invited from Chartered Accountant firms/ LLPs who desire to be empanelled with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2026-2027 for considering for appointment as auditors of Companies as per Sections 139(5) and 139(7) of the Companies Act 2013. Online application form along with detailed instructions including policy of Empanelment and Selection of Auditors will be available on the website www.care.cag.gov.in from 13 February to 02 March 2026. The applicant firms/LLPs will have to fill/update the data showing the status of their firm as on 01 January 2026. After filling/updating the data, the firms/LLPs will be required to generate online acknowledgement letter for the year. If the firms/LLPs fail to generate online acknowledgment letter, their application would not be considered for empanelment. The firms/LLPs will be required to submit a print out of the acknowledgement letter generated online and also hard copies of the documents in support of their online application to this office by 10 March 2026.

Sd/-
Sr. Administrative Officer/CA-V

CBC 51101/11/0009/2526

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ
(An Organisation of the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030

National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), which is the country's apex organization for training and research on various aspects of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development is implementing a National level Project for setting up of a School of Excellence in Panchayati Raj (SoEPR) at NIRDPR under RGSA. NIRDPR invites online applications from eligible candidates for the following contractual positions:

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For Eligibility Criteria, Online submission of application and other details please visit: http://career.nirdpr.in/

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Assistant Director
Administration (Section-I)

FORM No. 19
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 06/02/2026
CMP No. 818/2022
[VIDEO CONFERENCING/PHYSICAL HEARING]

PETITIONER/s : SRI. M. SRINIVASA S/o. Late Mariyappa, Aged about 54 years, **Sri. Manoj** S/o. M. Srinivas, Aged about 27 years, Both are Residing at Flat No. 0001, Coconut Groove, Kodihalli, Bengaluru - 560 008. [Sri. Mohana .C., Advocate]

Vs.

RESPONDENT/s :
M/s. RSUN CONSTRUCTIONS AND OTHERS
To, 1. M/s. RSUN CONSTRUCTIONS, A Partnership Firm Having its Office at 'Sai Dhamam', No. 563/Z, 'C' Block, AECS Layout, Brook Field, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru-560037. Rep. by its Managing Partners Sri. G.C. Jaganmohan and Others (Respondents 2 to 5)
2. SRI. G.C. JAGANMOHAN, S/o. G. Chennakeshavalu Naidu, No. 563/Z, 'Sai Dhamam', 'C' Block, AECS Layout, Brook Field, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru- 560037.
3. SRI. SUDHIR SALLAGUNDLA, S/o. Late S. L. Nagabhushanam Naidu, No. 563/Z, 'Sai Dhamam', 'C' Block, AECS Layout, Brook Field, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru-560037.
4. SRI. CHITTARANJAN. D. S/o. D.V. Chalapathi Rao, No. 563/Z, 'Sai Dhamam', 'C' Block, AECS Layout, Brook Field, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru- 560037.
5. SMT. T. JAYAPRADHA. W/o. P.N. Lenin Parbhu, No. 563/Z, 'Sai Dhamam', 'C' Block, AECS Layout, Brook Field, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru- 560037.

RESPONDENTS HAVING THEIR ADDRESS
ALSO AT No. 502, Shanthinikethan Apartments, Panthur Road, Bengaluru-560002
AND ALSO AT: No. 331, 'B' Block, AECS Layout, Brook Field, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru-560037. **...RESPONDENT/S**

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a CMP on thus Court Under Section 11(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996.
Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in this matter **on 13/03/2026 at 10:30 A.M** in case you intend to contest the petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of this Court, on the **06th Day of February 2026.**
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Govt. of Karnataka)
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No. : KMCRI/SUP(5)/RADIO DIAGNOSIS/TENDER-01/504/2025-26 dated 19.02.2026
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Extended vacancy circular
for filling up various posts of Technical Consultants at Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Technology Centre, Bengaluru.

Unique Identification Authority of India invited applications vide Advertisement Notification No.12/2025 dated 31.12.2025 for filling up the posts from Indian citizens for their whole- time services as individual consultants on contractual basis, for an initial period of three years which is extendable upto two years, as per the following details:

S.No.	Name of the Position	No. of position
1	Platform Architect	1
2	Sr. Consultant - Product	1

However, the last date for submission of applications has been extended upto **28.02.2026.**
Eligible individuals should go through the eligibility and responsibilities mentioned in **Annexure-A and Annexure-B** of detailed Advertisement placed at www.uidai.gov.in under the **tab Work with UIDAI / Consultant** and email a scanned copy of their duly completed application form to recruitment-tc@uidai.net.in on or before **28.02.2026.** Application received after the last date or otherwise found incomplete shall not be considered. Individuals applied against the circular dated 31.12.2025 need not apply afresh.

Director (HR)

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E-tender invited from the reputed Seed Producing Agencies or companies having valid license in Seed Business, for supply of approximately 3000.00 Quintal Per Year TFL (5 Kg. cloth packing) Hybrid Multicut Sorghum Sudan Grass (SSG) Seed Red Colour at various milk unions/farms in Rajasthan. Estimated tender value Rs. 384.00 lakhs. The tender form alongwith terms & conditions may be obtained from the website https://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & it may be viewed at www.sarasmilkfed.rajasthan.gov.in, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in online tender submission due date 02.03.2026 (Pre-Bid Meeting date-23.02.2026) and online technical bid opening at **03.00 PM on dated 02.03.2026.**
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Raj.Samwad/C/25/20955

General Manager (FO&AH)

Karnataka State Chemists and Druggists Association president Raghunath Reddy, has called for the implementation of stringent guidelines to curb the sale of narcotic drugs through online pharmacy platforms. He stated that efforts to prevent the misuse and illegal sale of narcotics would remain ineffective unless strict regulations are imposed on online medicine sales

Guidance value hiked by 15% across state, expect property rates to go up

Revision proposed due to continuous rise in property prices and unmet revenue targets

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE guidance value of properties across Karnataka is likely to be hiked by 15 per cent by April, and the Stamps and Registration department has started the exercise of tabulating guidance values.

"Guidance value revision is being done after a gap of two years and will be in the range of 12-15 per cent per square metre. The last revision was done in 2023, and the one prior to it was done in 2019. Since there is a two-year gap, and the cost of properties has escalated, the increase will be less than the previous revision which ranged from 0-30 per cent," a senior revenue department official told *The New Indian Express*.

Citing an example, the official explained that guidance value for 1 sqm on the stretch from MG Road to Ulsoor Junction in Bengaluru in the year 2019 was Rs 1,57,700. It was revised to Rs 1,81,500 in 2023, and if hiked by 15%, the guidance value will be Rs 2,08,785 per sqm.

An official said: "We have started with the table-top exercise of properties in the state, and in the coming days, field visits will also start. Ideally, revision should be done annually, but was not done last fiscal due to political reasons. To increase revenue, revision in guidance value is essential. Besides, the cost of properties is also rising."

The guidance value is calculated and revised based on the number of transactions, market value of the property and potential rise in rates in the next couple of years. The debt coverage ratio and debt service ratio is also taken into account while calculating guidance value.

"We have also been given revenue targets, which have not been met in the past couple of years. Though the cost of properties is rising, sales are not. Through this exercise, we are making an attempt to assess market transaction trends. Though Bengaluru is costliest compared to other cities, the number of properties registered is not rising as expected. This could be because of rising costs," observed revenue officials.

According to records, 24.67 lakh properties were registered in the state in 2023-24, and 23.39 lakh properties were registered in 2024-25. During the same period in Bengaluru, 5.73 lakh and 4.20 lakh properties were registered, respectively. "Around 60 per cent of revenue is generated by Bengaluru due to high cost, and not because of the number of units registered," the official noted.

The target set for the year 2023-24 was Rs 20,000 crore, and the department generated revenue of Rs 20.287 crore. However, in 2024-25, against the set target of Rs 26,000 crore, it achieved Rs 22,498 crore and in 2025-26, while the set target is Rs 28,000 crore, the department has achieved Rs 20,371 crore on till January 2026.

EXPRESS READ

Amit Prabhakar Kore is new KLE chairman

BELAGAVI: In a significant leadership transition at one of the reputed educational conglomerates, Karnataka Lingayat Education Society (KLE Society) has elected Amit Prabhakar Kore as its new Chairman. The decision was taken at the meeting of the newly constituted Board of Management held at the KLE headquarters in Belagavi, formally entrusting Amit Kore with the leadership of the century-old institution. He succeeds his father Prabhakar Kore, who steered the organisation for an extraordinary 42 years and expanded it into a globally recognised educational and healthcare network.

State approves revised norms for Ab-Ark funds

BENGALURU: The Karnataka government issued a fresh order approving revised norms for the utilisation of claim revenue generated under the Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) scheme in government health institutions. Under the new guidelines, public hospitals can utilise AB-ArK reimbursements for staff incentives, recruitment of healthcare personnel, medicines, diagnostics, quality improvement measures and administrative expenses, in alignment with National Health Authority norms. The order formalises tiers-based allocations, allowing higher spending on medicines and diagnostics at primary and district-level facilities.

IFTAAR BUZZ

A vendor arranges samosas for iftaar on the first Friday of the holy month of Ramadan near Russell Market in Bengaluru | KEVIN NASHON

Criticism against me rooted in caste prejudice, says Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

MARKING the World Social Justice Day, CM **Siddaramaiah** on Friday alleged that sustained criticism and personal attacks against him are rooted in caste prejudice and unease among entrenched elites over his rise from an underprivileged backward-class background to the state's highest office, prompting a rebuttal from BJP.

Siddaramaiah said his detractors are unable to reconcile to the fact that "a shepherd who once tended sheep" has become CM and is presenting budgets "with the confidence of an economist". He argued that this journey had generated resentment and led to what he described as a calculated effort to politically sideline him.

He said opposition to his leadership is part of a broader historical pattern in which individuals who attempted to challenge entrenched hierarchies faced hostility and resistance.

He said advancing the cause of social justice was never easy. "Whenever I raised my voice for the marginalised or implemented programmes for them, attacks were launched against me, and they continue even now," he said, adding that his alignment with the poor, oppressed and opportunity-deprived had made him a political target.

He asserted that Congress winning 136 Assembly seats was an endorsement of its commitment to inclusive development and welfare-driven governance. He pointed to landmark legislation aimed at institutionalising equity beyond political cycles. These included the Karnataka Scheduled Castes Sub-Allocation and Scheduled Tribes Sub-Allocation Act, 2013, which mandates earmarking resources in proportion to the population share of SCs and STs. He cited steps to safeguard reservation in promotions and a policy reserving government contracts up to Rs 1 crore to SCs and STs as efforts to widen economic participation.

Another key reform, he said, was the Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 2016, which sought to grant ownership rights to long-settled residents by recognising habitations lacking formal land titles as revenue villages.

He said democracy, not hierarchy, defined modern India, describing his four-decade political career as "a path of stones and thorns, not roses".

But, state BJP president BY Vijayendra accused Congress of using social justice as a slogan without matching fiscal commitment. Citing the RBI's Study of State Budgets 2025-26, he said Karnataka's social sector spending has declined from 42.1% to 40.7%. "True social justice lies in education, jobs, skills and opportunities that help people stand on their own feet," he said.

Karnataka RTE intake plunges; panel calls for age expansion

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

RIGHT to Education (RTE) admissions in Karnataka have fallen sharply, from over one lakh in 2018 to just 3,412 in recent years. In response, the education sub-committee of the Karnataka Policy and Planning Commission, chaired by TM Vijay Bhaskar, has recommended that the government develop a comprehensive roadmap and expand RTE coverage to children aged 3 to 16 years, up from the current 6–14 age bracket.

Dr Niranjanaradhya, developmental educationist, said, "Admissions for RTE across schools in the state have drastically reduced. The Act is not being implemented effectively to benefitchildren.Expanding it to ages 3–16 would help prevent dropouts after class 8 and allow students to access quality education in classes 9 and 10."

Palakshaiah Shivalingaiah, former officer in the RTE cell, GoK, added, "RTE is being implemented narrowly. It should ensure quality education for all children, including adherence to distance norms—one km for classes I–V and three km for classes VI–VIII. We have also suggested providing cycles to girl students in remote areas to improve enrolment."

Despite a recent government order reserving 25% of seats for RTE admissions in LKG and class 1, uptake has remained low. When contacted, Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for School Education and Literacy, said, "Implementation will require significant state funding and the Chief Minister's approval."

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

Short term NIB NO. 39/2025-26

BIDs are invited in prescribed format from Bidders registered in appropriate class RRVPNL / A or AA class in Central/ state Government Department and their undertakings in the O/o The Respective Superintending/ Executive Engineer (Civil) RVPN Jaipur in **Short term NIB No. 39/2025-26**. All information regarding BIDs are available on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.rvpn.co.in and http: // sppp.raj.nic.in.

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Last Date is 20-Mar-2026. For detailed advertisement and for making online application, visit **https://tinyurl.com/ncrajob2026**

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Chethan Sanil (Borrower) Shraddha (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. TBBNG00007047411	All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.78, Katha No.71/2, Formed In Converted Sy No.36/8 (Converted From Agricultural To Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes Vide Order No. BDS.ALN.SR(S)/425/2003-04, Dated: 29.01.2004, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), Situated At Vaddarapalya Village, Kothanur Dhakale, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.194, Vide Katha No. 301/78-36/8-71/2, Measuring East To West: 50-0 [Fifty] Feet And North To South: 76-0 [Seventy Six] Feet, In All Measuring 3800 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: North: Site No.67 South: 60 Feet Road. East: Site No.77. West: Site No.79	Rs. 5,37,66,126/- As on January 29, 2026	Rs. 4,00,00,000/- / Rs. 40,00,000/-	March 03, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 2:00 PM	March 11, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM
2.	Mr. Sharath Chandra Samarla (Borrower) M Radhabai (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LBBNG00006797366 TBBNG00006697616	Item No. 1 All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.39, Carved Out of Converted Sy. No.244, Originally Measuring 25 Guntas, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Duly Converted By The Order of The Deputy Commissioner Vide order Dated: 15-03-2012, Order No. BDS/ALN/(SB)SR 44/2011-12, Presently Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No. 2612/686/244/39, Measuring East To West: 85+ 77/2 Feet And North To South: 71½+ 65/2 Feet, In All Measuring 5528.25 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: East By: 30 Feet Road West By : Private Property. North By Site No.39/1.: South By Site No.1/1. Item 2:- All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.39/1, Carved Out of Converted Sy. No.244, Originally Measuring 25 Guntas, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Duly Converted By The Order Of The Deputy Commissioner Vide Order Dated: 15-03-2012, Order No. BDS/ALN/(SB)SR 44/2011-12, Presently Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No. 2614/686/244/39/1, Measuring East To West: 79-0 [seventy Nine] Feet And North To South: 16-0 [sixteen] Feet, In All Measuring 1264 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: East By: 30 Feet Road West By: Private Property. North By South By: Private Property.: Site No.39.	Rs. 6,18,87,169/- As on January 29, 2026	Rs. 4,90,00,000/- / Rs. 49,00,000/-	March 03, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 2:00 PM	March 11, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM
3.	Mr. Akhil Raj V (Borrower) Jyothi H Ms Pulse Medicare Hospital Private Limited (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. TBBNG00006516129	All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Site Nos. 22, 39 & 40, Old Property No. 288, New Property No.288/3, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No.2800/288/3, Measuring (1) East To West: 40-0 [Forty] Feet And North To South: 32-0 [thirty Two Feet And Measuring (2) East To West: 42-0 (Forty Two] Feet And North To South: 60-0 [Sixty] Feet, In All Totally Measuring 3800 Sq. Ft, And Bounded On The: North: Property Owned By Adithya Birla Garments South: Remaining Portion of The Same Property. East: Road West: Property Belongs To Vinodamma,	Rs. 29,019,214/- As on January 29, 2026	Rs. 2,25,00,000/- / Rs. 22,50,000/-	March 03, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 2:00 PM	March 11, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexactions.com) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited.
The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by March 10, 2026, before 04:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before March 10, 2026 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before March 10, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or March 10, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/ PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore.
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084.
Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd ., have also been engaged in facilitating the sale.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : February 21, 2026
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

S.E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/2026/06 Dated : 20.02.2026
TENDER FOR "E" PROCUREMENT SYSTEM
The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (5th Floor), New Administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs.

Sl No.	Tender No.	Closing Date	Brief Description	Quantity	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	HB256899	27.03.26	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Latest Whole-Body state of the art 3T MRI System with turn key basis etc. at Central Hospital, Garden Reach, (Pre-Bid Meeting on 25.02.2026 at 15.00)	01 Set	20,00,000/-
2.	IE265070	18.03.26	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 11 KV Indoor HT VCB Panel etc.	02 Set	1,13,100/-
3.	25251226	01.04.26	POH Maintenance Schedule of N-32.	18 Set	2,09,370/-
4.	IF265113	11.03.26	Supply and installation of One Set CT 16 Slice Scanning System etc.	01 Set	3,90,000/-
5.	47255005B	24.03.26	Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of Power Transformer etc.	02 Nos.	1,38,770/-
6.	GEM/2026/B/7248332	12.03.26	All in one PC & Laptop with printer & UPS etc.	205 Nos.	1,89,682/-
7.	33263534	09.04.26	Air Spring Assembly etc.	96 Nos.	3,05,860/-
8.	33265002	06.04.26	LHB FIAT Bogie Frame for AC Coaches etc.	80 Nos.	5,19,200/-
9.	31261435	17.03.26	Vertical Damper for Secondary.	1081 Nos.	1,14,500/-

Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/description/ specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders & any Corrigendum published thereafter.
(PR-1218)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Divisional Railway Manager / Electrical / Salem Division, Salem -5
E-TENDER NOTICE No: SA-E15-2025-26-W1-W6 Dated 19 / 02 / 2026
For and on behalf of the President of India Invites E- Tender for the under mentioned works. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission etc. can be viewed / downloaded from website portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

E-Tender Notice No, Date and Name of Work	Details
1) SA-E15-2025-26-W1 dated: 19/02/2026. Improvement to Station building, Platform Shelter and Platform Surface in NSG-6 Stations in Salem (SA) section over Salem Division-Electrical Arrangements.	Approx. cost- ₹ 31,14,715.00/- EMD - ₹ 62,300.00/- Completion Period - 6 Months.
2) SA-E15-2025-26-W2 dated: 19/02/2026. Improvement to Station building, Platform Shelter and Platform Surface in NSG-6 Stations in Attur(ATU) section over Salem Division-Electrical Arrangements.	Approx. cost-₹ 24,08,355.00/- EMD ₹ 48,200.00/- Completion Period - 6 Months.
3) SA-E15-2025-26-W3 dated: 19/02/2026. Improvement to Station building, Platform Shelter and Platform Surface in NSG-6 Stations in Erode(ED) over Salem Division-Electrical Arrangements.	Approx. cost- ₹ 4,44,669.00/- EMD - ₹ 8,900.00/- Completion Period - 6 Months.
4) SA-E15-2025-26-W4 dated: 19/02/2026. Improvement to Station building, Platform Shelter and Platform Surface in NSG-6 Stations in Karur(KRR) over Salem Division-Electrical Arrangements.	Approx. cost- ₹ 33,82,168.00/- EMD - ₹ 67,700.00/- Completion Period - 6 Months.
5) SA-E15-2025-26-W5 dated: 19/02/2026. Improvement to Station building, Platform Shelter and Platform Surface in NSG-6 Stations in Coimbatore(CBE) over Salem Division-Electrical Arrangements.	Approx. cost- ₹ 7,41,115.00/- EMD - ₹ 14,800.00/- Completion Period - 6 Months.
6) SA-E15-2025-26-W6 dated: 19/02/2026. Improvement to Station building, Platform Shelter and Platform Surface in NSG-6 Stations in Mettupalayam(MTP) over Salem Division-Electrical Arrangements.	Approx. cost- ₹ 10,69,693.00/- EMD - ₹ 21,400.00/- Completion Period - 6 Months.
For all the works Closing Time & Date	15.00hrs. on 20.03.2026
For all the works Bids Opening Time & Date	**15.30hrs. on 20.03.2026**

All Addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website portal **www.ireps.gov.in** only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical) / Salem, Southern Railway, Salem-636005

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Doddanekkundi Division, Zone-1, RHB Colony, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru - 560 048
No:EE/DNK/CGND/TEND/06/2025-26 Date: 20-02-2026

CORRIGENDUM-I

Sub: Corrigendum of Tender Notification No. BECC/EE/ DNK/TN/06/ 2025-26, Dt: 05.02.2026.
Due to Technical Reasons, in this tender notification time schedule and EMD is modified & the revised time schedule and EMD is as follows;

Sl No.	Name of the Work
1.	Renovation of Veterinary office Building in Bengaluru East City Corporation in Garudacharpalya in Ward No-100. **Est. Cost: ₹ 14.80 Lakhs, EMD : ₹ 37,000.00 (Others)**

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre bid meeting will be held on Dated:**23-02-2026** at **2:00** pm (2) Last date for Tender Queries & Clarifications is on: **24-02-2026** Upto **2:00** pm. (3) Last date for submission of tender documents on or before: **27-02-2026** upto **4.00** pm (4) Technical Bids will be opened on **02-03-2026** upto **4.00** pm (5) Financial Bids will be opened on **03-03-2026** at **4:00** pm
Except for the above said changes there is no change in any of the Terms and Conditions of Tender Notification

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Doddanekkundi, Zone-1, BECC

GOVERNMETN OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I
BENGALURU, KARNATAKA
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajnhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

PROCLAMATION OF SALE -CUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(under Rule 52(2) of second schedule to the Income Tax act .1961 read with the Recovery of debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993)
R.C No. 14219/2018 in O.A No. 394/2017
UCO Bank, Asset Management Branch
V/s
M/s. Pranee Infrastructure Pvt Ltd and others

To:
1.**M/s. Pranee Infrastructure Pvt Ltd,** #108, 4th Cross, Chikkamariah Layout, JKT Halli, Akshaya Nagar Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016. Represented by its Director: Mr. Kalla Venkateswarlu
2.**Mr. Kalla Venkateswarlu S/o Alluraiah K** #108, 4th Cross, Chikkamariah Layout, JKT Halli, Akshaya Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016
3.**Mrs. Kalla Sridevi W/o Mr. Kalla Venkateswarlu** #108, 4th Cross, Chikkamariah Layout, JKT Halli, Akshaya Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016
4. **M/s Hebron Properties Pvt Ltd.** No.5, AC-712, 5th 'A' Cross, 4th Floor, HRBR Layout, First Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Represented by its Director: Mr. Satish Koshy **...Defendants/Certified Debtors**

The under mentioned property will be sold by **'online e-auction'** through website: http://drt.auctiontiger.net on **27.03.2026** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.3,43,49,657/- (Rupees Three Crores Forty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Only)** along with costs, expenses and interest as stated in the Recovery Certificate from the Certified Debtors, from the date of filing of OA, till the date of final realization.

Date and Time of Auction	:	**27.03.2026 From 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM**
Reserve Price	:	**Rs.3,51,51,675/-**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):		**Rs.35,15,167.50/-**
Bid Increment Amount	:	**Rs.50,000/-**
Last Date & Time of e-Tender form & EMD submission:		**25.03.2026 by 3.00 PM**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing residential Villa No.72, Type B2, being constructed on the Property bearing Sy. No. 60,61,62 & 69, Khatha No. 91/60, 61, 62 & 69, Halehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru measuring 5100 Sq Ft of super built up area along with car parking area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, garden etc having 1.247% of undivided share from M/s Hebron Properties Pvt Ltd and bounded on **East By :** Pathway, **West By :** Drive way/Road, **North By :** Pathway/Compound Wall, **South By :** Villa No. 71 Type B2.

For Detailed terms and conditions of sale visit website **http://drt.auctiontiger.net.** For further details contact e-mail Id: **support@auctiontiger.net** and contact numbers **9265562821, 9265562818, 9265562819.** Intending bidders/participants are advised to contact **Mr. Ashok Kumar Tripathy, Chief Manager UCO Bank, Asset Management Branch,** #13/22, 1st Floor, UCO Bank Building, KG Road, Bangalore-560009 **(Contact Mobile No. 8327799501 and e-mail id: banamb@uco.bank.in)** before date of auction sale, for detail terms and conditions.
Given under my hand and the seal on this 18th day of February 2026 at Bengaluru.

Sd/-
Recovery Officer-I, DRT-I, Bengaluru

SABARIMALA ROW

Wounded tantri targets Kerala govt for arrest

SHAN AS @T'Puram

THE bail petition filed by tantri Kandararu Rajeevaru before the Kollam Vigilance Court has the potential to stir up a hornet's nest as he tried to portray his arraignment in the case as an act of revenge for opposing the LDF government's bid to allow women of age 10-50 to enter the Sabarimala shrine.

The tantri's contention was that he was arrested by the SIT for taking a "a strong stand on preserving temple customs and rituals." His bail plea said he had refused to allow political interference and even threatened not to perform rituals if attempts were made to tamper with the customs. At the instance of the CPM, few senior officers made attempts to facilitate entry of women into the temple and since he took a strong stand against it he had to face "public attacks from the influential figures of the ruling front," the bail petition read.

He alleged that his objection to the proposal of opening of the temple on all days also ruffled the feathers of many and his implication in Sabarimala gold heist was an act of retaliation with an intention to tarnish his reputation. The petitioner also alleged that he was booked in the case and arrested to create a narrative that the highest priest is also involved in the alleged illegal transactions.

The SIT, however, used the tantri's argument to buttress their claim that he had played a supreme role in Sabarimala shrine and failed in his responsibility to prevent the sacred artefacts from being handed over to the prime accused Unnikrishnan Potti. Objecting to the bail plea, the SIT informed the court that the tantri "was duty-bound to prevent the taking away of valuable ornaments (thiruvabharanam) of Lord Ayyappa, outside the temple premises."

Ex-TDB prez granted bail

FORMER Travancore Devaswom Board president A Padmakumar was granted statutory bail by the Kollam Vigilance Court in the case pertaining to misappropriation of gold from the dwarapalaka idols of Sabarimala temple. The bail was granted by the court on the ground that the SIT failed to file the chargesheet of the case within the stipulated 90 days. Since Padmakumar is arraigned in another case pertaining to misappropriation of gold from the door-frames of the temple, he will continue to remain in prison.

2.69 cr voters in final list after SIR in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

THE final voters' list for the upcoming Assembly election in Kerala, prepared after completing the SIR of electoral rolls, has 2.69 crore voters — around 9 lakh electors fewer compared to the list prior to the revision process. The final electoral roll will be published on February 21.

There were a total of 2.78 crore voters in the electoral roll before the SIR was carried out, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)-

Kerala Rathan U Kelkar said. After the SIR enumeration phase, a draft voters' list with 2.54 crore names was published on December 23.

"Of the 36.88 lakh voters who were summoned for hearing owing to discrepancies in their SIR forms, 53,229 have been excluded from the final roll. They were found to be either dead, had accepted overseas citizenship, shifted residence or were detected as duplicate entries," Kelkar said. The civic poll-specific electoral roll that was prepared by the State Election Commission, a separate constitutional body, had 2.86 crore electors. Speaking at the meeting, MV Jayarajan of the CPM highlighted the "glaring difference" in the number of voters for local body elections and the Assembly polls.

Kelkar said a total of 15.10 lakh voters had applied for enrolment between October 27, 2025 (when the electoral roll was frozen for SIR) and January 30, 2026 (when the time frame for filing claims and objections ended). Of these, 1.66 lakh applications were rejected owing to the lack of supporting documents and other technical reasons, he said.

DEVOTION IN UNITY

Muslim devotees gather at the historical Palayam Juma Masjid in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, to offer prayers on the first Friday of the holy month of Ramzan | BP DEEPU

EXPRESS READ

Ghee row: Dinesh Kumar to head one-man probe

Vijayawada: The State government on Friday issued orders, appointing retired IAS officer Dinesh Kumar as the One-Man Committee to examine the allegations of supply of adulterated and substandard ghee to the TTD. the government had decided to constitute a One-Man Committee to study the lapses. ENS

'Kerala Story 2' row: MSF opposes SFI's beef fest

T'puram: Muslim Students Federation (MSF), the student wing of Congress ally IUML, on Friday called for boycotting the 'Kerala Story 2', but questioned a 'beef fest' being organised by the SFI to protest against the film. CK Najaf, the state general secretary of MSF said, that it might hurt the religious sentiments of Hindus. ENS

CT, MRI services hit at govt hospital over payment row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CT and MRI services in several government hospitals in Karnataka faced disruption after a private diagnostic provider suspended operations, citing pending dues of ₹143 crore since 2019. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the government would release payments only after proper verification, stressing that public funds cannot be disbursed without scan-wise validation.

Addressing a press conference at Vidhana Soudha on Friday, the minister rejected opposition claims that the health department is paralysed. He said the state is continuing to finance all health schemes from its own resources despite delayed National Health Mission funds.

The disruption impacted 13 government hospitals operating under the public- private partnership (PPP) model. Rao said alternative arrangements have been made in most of these facilities, with patients being referred to medical college hospitals, empanelled private centres and nearby diagnostic facilities. He assured that the remaining hospitals would have backup systems in place shortly and that scans would be provided free of cost to eligible patients.

The minister said the government introduced stricter guidelines after noticing unusually high scan volumes. Measures such as mandatory doctor certification and standardised scan protocols reduced CT scan expenditure by 76% and MRI costs by 64%, resulting in estimated savings of Rs 18 crore per month and over Rs 200 crore in the past 18 months. He said that earlier billing lacked proper regulation, leading to excessive payments.

MEDIA PROTEST

The minister planned to hold the press conference at Vikasa Soudha, but was forced to address the media near the Kengal Hanumanthaiah Gate of Vidhana Soudha, as media personnel staged a protest against the restrictions on their movement at Vidhana Soudha.

Arabian Sea to glow with 'Devi' energy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

AS the setting sun paints the sky crimson on Saturday, the Arabian Sea will glow with feminine energy as TNIE Group hosts the 38th editionof Devi Awards in Kochi. Set to be held at Taj Vivanta, Marine Drive, the event will see Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Tourism Suresh Gopi present the awards to 11 women achievers from diverse backgrounds.

The Devi Awards, held across 10 Indian cities, has celebrated more than 300 inspiring women trendsetters from various fields, including arts, sports, cinema, science, education, social service, and business. This year's Devis from Kerala are: animal conservationist Sosamma Iype, scientist A Seema, scholar Litty Chacko, educator Nalini Chandran, visual artist P S Jalaja, Koodiyattam exponent Kapila Venu, social worker Dr P Bhanumathi, entrepreneur Reshma Suresh, heavy vehicle driver Radhamani Amma, dancer-actor Paris Laxmi, and singer Abhaya Hiranmayi.

Each of them has breached gender barriers, defied social expectations and rewritten professional conventions. This is the third time that Kochi is hosting the event. The first edition in the city was held in 2016, with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan as the chief guest. In 2025, Governor Rajendra Vishwananth Arlekar gave away the awards.

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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)

"ಪ್ರಜಾ ಸೌಧ" ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕೊಠಡಿ 3

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ದಿನಾಂಕ 20–2–2026

ಮರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವದಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಮಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಬೆಂಗ್ರ ಕೂಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.38 1ಎ–1ಎ ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನಿಗಮದ ಖಾಲಿ ಜಾಗ 4.50 ಎಕರೆಯನ್ನು ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಜಾಗ ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶ, ಮಾಸಿಕ ನೆಲಬಾಡಿಗೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಪ್ರಜಾಸೌಧ, ನಂ.3, ಪಡೀಲ್ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 27–2–2026 ಬಾಡಿಗೆಗೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಅತೀ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲು ಒಪ್ಪಿದವರ ದರಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪಅರಣ್ಯಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು

ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client **("Client")** intends to acquire immoveable property bearing being the southern portion bearing No. 71/1-1, now bearing PID No. 92-1-71/1-1 situated at Nandidurga Road, Division No. 46, together with such portion of the two-storeyed building, comprised in the jurisdictional limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, situated at Nandidurga Road, Division No. 46, described in the Annexure attached hereto from its present owners (morefully described in the "Schedule" hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property").

Any person(s) /party(ies) having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner or objecting to such transaction may, write to the undersigned with requisite documentary evidence within **Seven (7) days** from the issuance of this public notice, failing which, our Client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived and thereafter, no claims / objections / disputes will be entertained.

Any person(s)/party(ies) dealing directly or indirectly with regard to any of the properties or part(s) thereof listed in the Schedule below or in any other manner shall be doing so at his / her /their own cost, risk and consequences and our Client shall not be responsible for any such acts.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being the southern portion of the property bearing No. 71/1-1, now bearing PID No. 92-1-71/1-1, situated at Nandidurga Road, Division No. 46, of the Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and bounded as follows:

East by : By Private Property, measuring on that side 28 feet 9 inches + 46 feet 3 inches;
West by : By Private Property, measuring on that side 28 feet 9 inches;
North by : By Chinnappa Garden Link Road, measuring on that side 8 Feet 6 inches, and the Schedule B Property measuring on that side 36 feet 6 inches;
South by : Private property, measuring on that side 45 feet;

Together with such portion of the two-storeyed building standing in this portion.

The property is inclusive of a passage leading from the above property to the Link Road measuring 46 feet 3 inches by 8 feet 6 inches. The total area of the property is 1686.875 square feet or 156.88 square metres.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 21 st February 2026

Sd/- **Prasanna. Swaminathan, Advocate,**
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concened that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **26.03.2026 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower's, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about hoiding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1. M/s. Digital Add Sense, Represented by its Partners: Sri Karthik Muniraju & Smt. Meghana Karthik, No.5151, "Vijayraj" Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **2. M/s. Digital Add Sense, Represented by its Partners: Sri Karthik Muniraju & Smt. Meghana Karthik,** No. 244/B1, 32nd Cross, 2nd Main, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560082. **3. Sri Karthik Muniraju - Guarantor,** No.5151, " Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **4. Smt. Meghana Karthik - Guarantor,** No.5151, "Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **5. Sri Muniraju D – Property Owner & Guarantor,** No.5151, "Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. **6. Smt. C. Vijaya - Guarantor,** W/o D Muniraju, No.5151, "Vijayraj", Krishna Farm, Near Omkar Hills, Kengeri Post , Bangalore-560060.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website: **https://www.banksauction.com** on **26.03.2026** for Recovery of an amount for of **Rs.1,50,65,707/- (Rupees One Crores Fifty Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven Only)** due and payable amount as on **31.01.2026** with further interest, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Description of the property: Property No.1: Property belongs to Sri Muniraju D bearing No.5151, Khatha issued by BBMP Khata No. 1131/1048/1063/1090/1121, situated at Sreenivasapura, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560060 measuring East to West 90.60 feet and North to South 90.60 feet totally measuring 8190 Sq. feet, with building thereon and bounded on: East By: Road, West By: Property belonging to Sri.D.Krishnappa, North By : Remaining portion of owner's property, South By: Remaining portion of the owner's property.
Property No.2: All that piece and parcel of the BBMP B Khatha property belongs to Sri Karthik Muniraju bearing Sy.No.128/3, Re-Sy. No.128/4, BBMP PID No.128/4(128/3), situated at Katteganahalli, Jala Hobli, 24th Cross, Near Ramakrishna Memorial School, Maruthinagar, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560064 measuring 9 guntas (out of 2 acres 36 guntas), i.e., 9801 Sq.feet and bounded on East by:Log Hissa Block No.1, West by:Venkatala Village Boundary, North by:Road South by:Kogilu Village Boundary.

Reserve Price	**Property No.1: Rs.8,36,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Crores Thirty Six Lakhs Only)** **Property No.2: Rs.3,40,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Fourty Lakhs Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Property No.1: Rs.83,60,000/- (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Sixty Thouand only)** **Property No.2: Rs.34,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Only)**
Bid Increment Amount	**Property No.1: Rs.8,36,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand only)** **Property No.2: Rs.3,40,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fourty Thousand Only)**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**25.03.2026 UPTO 4:30 PM**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**26.03.2026, Thursday from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM for SMVCB-JPN-DAS-1 and 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM for SMVCB-JPN-DAS-2 (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted	**Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore"** **Branch: J P NAGAR, Branch Code: 004016100000001, IFSC Code: MVCB0000004**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1) The Immovable Property will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being caution deposit through EFT/NEFT/RTGS for above concerned branch. The Demand Draft/ Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. 3) The property 'SHALL NOT be sold below the reserve price 4) The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, including EMD amount already deposited, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officerl.e. before closure of business hours on the same day or not later than next working day and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day from confirmation of sale. Default in deposit of any of the above mentioned amount(s) within the period stipulated herein by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the entire money already deposited and Properties shall be put to auction again and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of Properties/ amount deposited. 5) The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer charges, **E-khatha charge, Property Tax,** Registration expenses, fees etc. for transfer of the property in its/his/her name. 6) The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for. 7) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **Date: 25.03.2026 from 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule. 8) The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. 9) The intending bidders shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc., of the property. 10) Please refer to the link **https://www.bankeauctions.com** and **website: www.vob.co.in** for detailed terms and conditions of the sale. 11) All disputes, differences and controversies between the parties are subject to Bangalore Jurisdiction only, **STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002:** This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to borrowers /mortgagors and Guarantors of the above said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 20.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
MR. MUTHUSWAMY SATHYAVEL Loan A/c No. 411800005596 Symbolic Possession taken Date ; 18/02/2026	07/01/2025	Rs. 6477701.00	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the converted property / Sites bearing Nos.195, 196,223, 224 bearing BBMP Khata Sl.No.2561, Presently Property No.2047/31/32/35/224/223/195/196, Situated at Padma Upadyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, formed in Sy.Nos.31, 32 and 35 duly converted into non-agricultural land as per the conversion certificated No.ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, dated 31.12.1973 measuring East to West: 70'-0" feet and North to South: 120'-0" feet, totally measuring 8400 Sq.feet., presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Bangalore, vide amalgamated Khata No.2561/2047/4/31, 32/1, 35/224, 223, 195 & 196 and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Site No.197 & Site NO. 222, South by: Site No.194 & 225. 290 sq.ft., of undivided share, right, title and interest in the schedule A property hereby conveyed by the vendors to the purchasers.. SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY Flat No.A-305, of the building known as " SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" constructed at IInd Floor on the Schedule A Property, having super built up area measuring 1200 Sq.ft. having RCC Roofing, Vitrified tiels Floors, Sal Wood Doors & Aluminium windows, and separate Electricity connections, common water and sanitation, including common area rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto.
MR. JITHENDRA MS. AMRUTHA P S Loan A/c No. 411800005736 Symbolic Possession taken Date : 18/02/2026	07/12/2024	Rs. 1517616.00	SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of Proeprty bearing CMC Dasarahalli Katha No.173, Carved out of Survey No.22, of Nelakadaranahalli, Yeswanathpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore CMC Dasarahalli Ward No.22, Now coming under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.41, Bangalore, measuring 80 X 36 feet (or2.8 guntas), and bounded on the: East by: 25 feet Road, West by: 25 feet Road, North by: 25 feet Road,South by: Private Property . SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 1/12th undivided right, title and interest equivalent 213 Sq.feet of the schedule "A" Property along with Apartment No.GF-1, located on the Ground Floor of the Residential Apartment Building known as "PUSHKAR MANSION" with super built-up area of 575 Sq.feet with kitchen, hall cum dining, two Bedroom, situated at Nelakadaranahalli, Yeswanathpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore, now coming under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.41, Bangalore.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 21.02.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Agarwal Steels, Ashok Agarwal & Gauri Agarwal / Represented By Proprietor Ashok Agarwal No. T4 D Opp Kssidc Peenya Police Station Raod Peenya 1st Stage Bangalore - 560058 / '232605500418.	Property 2: All That Piece And Parcel of The Western Portion of Sy No.174 Old Sy No.159 Measuring East To West (59.4+75.8)/2ft And North To South (128.4+135.6)/2 Ft In All 8923.2 Sq Ft Situated At Huskoor Village Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore And Bounded on The; East By: Remaining Portion of Sy No.174; West By: Mrs. Mayarani's Property North By: Road; South By: Mr.erappa's Property. Date of Physical Possession 18th February 2026.	June 18, 2025 Rs. 3,05,29,673.80/-	Bang-alore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: February 21, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sandal City: P.B. No. 5531, Bengaluru-Pune Highway, Bengaluru - 560 055.
Ph: 080-22164879, 22164886, Website: **www.mysoresandal.org** e-mail: **ksdl.dgmmtls@gmail.com**

An ISO-9001:2015 & 14001:2015 Company

Date: 20.02.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tenders are invited by **KS&DL** in two cover system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** with respect to supply of following Goods/Services/Works.

Sl. No.	Tender Number	Tender Name	Tender Quantity	Published date	Last Date of Submission
1	KSDL/2025-26/IND0948	Procurement of D-Limonene	1200 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
2	KSDL/2025-26/IND0949	Procurement of Geranyl Tiglate	700 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
3	KSDL/2025-26/IND0950	Procurement of Hexyl Cinnamic Aldehyde	2300 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
4	KSDL/2025-26/IND0951	Procurement of Aldehyde C-10 decylic	300 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
5	KSDL/2025-26/IND0952	Procurement of Nerol	2000 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
6	KSDL/2025-26/IND0953	Procurement of LINALOOL EX-BASIL	1500 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
7	KSDL/2025-26/IND0954	Procurement of Phenyl Ethyl Alcohol	10000 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
8	KSDL/2025-26/IND0955	Procurement of Hercolyn-D	1600 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
9	KSDL/2025-26/IND0956	Procurement of Linalyl Acetate	3400 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
10	KSDL/2025-26/IND0957	Procurement of Iso Menthone	3300 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
11	KSDL/2025-26/IND0959	Procurement of Mentha Citrata Oil	16700 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
12	KSDL/2025-26/IND0960	Procurement of Terpineol	6100 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
13	KSDL/2025-26/IND0961	Procurement of Lemongrass oil	700 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026
14	KSDL/2025-26/IND0962	Procurement of Para Cresyl Phenyl Acetate	680 Kgs	19-02-2026	06-03-2026

For any further queries/clarifications please contact the undersigned.

Sd/-
Asst. General Manager (Materials)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch

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M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer ARM-1 will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **07/03/2026** (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of **Rs.13,41,95,107.17/- (Rupees Thirteen crore forty one lakhs ninety five thousand one hundred seven and paise seventeen only)** as on 16/02/2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **1. M/s. Khoday Silk Streams,** No.25, Old No.29, 3rd floor Behind Reddy Petrol Bunk, N S Iyengar Street, Seshadripuram Bengaluru-560020, **2) Smt. Padma Bai,** No.23, 2nd Main, 5th Block Seshadripuram, Kumara Park West Bangalore 560 020, **3) Sri Suresh S Khoday** No.23, 2nd Main, 5th Block Seshadripuram, Kumara Park West Bangalore 560020, **4) Sri Eshwara,** K N No.24, New No.24/5, 4th Floor Jayamahal Road, Jayamahal Extn Bangalore-560094.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan** on or before **06/03/2026 5.00 pm.** **(₹ in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Description of Immovable Properties	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value	Inspection date & time
1	Flat @ Fourth Floor of Residential property site no.24, as per bifurcation new no.24/5,PID NO. 92-15-24/5 in the 4TH floor situated at Jayamahal road, Jayamahal extension BBMP WARD NO. 92, Measuring One Fifth (1/5TH) UDS in the land measuring East to west: 60 feet, North to south: 80 feet which work out to 960 Sq.ft. right in the land along with entire fourth (4th) floor with Super Built up area of 2400Sq ft owned by Mr Eshwara K N and bounded by: East:site no 24/1 measuring on that side 80 ft, west Jayamahal road measuring on that side 80ft. North main road measuring on that side 60ft. And south: Government quarters measuring on that side 60 ft. **Coordinates of the property:** Latitude 13.001334, Longitude 77.594602	₹ 215.00	₹ 21.50	₹ 1.00	23/02/2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (**www.canarabank.com**) or E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal. or** may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No. 08025310066, 6301683293 and 9483544116) during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 17.02.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank, ARM Branch I

2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" **on 07.03.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs.11,21,24,429.92/- ,** as on 16.02.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. M/s. Bangalore Consultants-Contractors,** No. 14/14, 59th Cross, 5th Block, Bhashyam Circle, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560010. **2. Mr. Prakash K P,** No. 364A, 1st Floor, 5th Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079. **3. Mrs. Latha Prakash** W/o. Prakash K P, No. 364A, 1st Floor, 5th Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079. **4. M/s. Anjanadrishree Apparels,** No. 10, Vikasnagar Next to 8th Main, Tumkur Road, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560073.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **06.03.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in lacs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Incremental value (Rs.)
1	Flat No. 1, Ground floor, Balaji Enclave - 2, No. 120/204, 5th Main road, Ravi Kirloskar Layout, Chikkabidarakallu Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore-560072. measuring 1500 Sft. **Coordinates of the property : Latitude- 13.0535297N Longitude- 77.4839286E**	42	4.2	1.00
2	Flat No. 2, first floor, Balaji Enclave - 2, No. 120/204, 5th Main road, Ravi Kirloskar Layout, Chikkabidarakallu Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore-560072. measuring 1500 Sft. **Coordinates of the property : Latitude- 13.0535297N Longitude- 77.4839286E**	42	4.2	1.00
3	Flat No. 4, Third floor, Balaji Enclave - 2, No. 120/204, 5th Main road, Ravi Kirloskar Layout, Chikkabidarakallu Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore – 560072 measuring 1500 Sft. **Coordinates of the property : Latitude- 13.0535297N Longitude- 77.4839286E**	42	4.2	1.00
4	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No.401, 4th Floor, Balaji Enclave-3, on property bearing Municipal No. 34, PID No. 100-760-34, situated at RMV 2nd Stage, 4th Block, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore-560094. Earlier BDA site no. 34, 4th Block, Lottegollahalli, 2nd stage, RMV, Bangalore-560094. Measuring 1700 Sq.ft, Super built up area including proportionate common areas and facilities with 500 Sq.ft of undivided share and one covered car parking area with all amenities, facilities and lefty the Basement. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.9085832N Longitude- 77.5504773E**	107.00	10.70	1.00
	Total	233.00		

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's **website (www.canarabank.com)** or **E-Wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, **Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25310066, 6381952519 and 9483544116** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 17.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

UJVN Limited

UJVNL
H.O.: "UJJAWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone : 0135-2763808; Fax : 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 145 Corrigendum No.06 (Time Extension) Dated : 19/02/2026
e-Tender No. 01/DGM (E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26

Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of e-Tender No. 01/DGM(E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26 invited by office of the Dy. General Manager, E&M Design-II, UJVN Ltd., Ganga Bhawan, Yamuna Colony, Dehradun Uttarakhand) are hereby extended as follows:
Last date for submission of bid on e-portal : 05.03.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Last date for submission of Original document (Hard copies) : 07.03.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of opening of Technical bid on e-portal : 09.03.2026 from 11:00 Hrs.
Other terms & condition shall remain same. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in".

Dy. General Manager (E&M Design-II)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR

[ICAR, NAAC accredited and UGC u/s 12(B) & 2(f) approved]
Stores Purchase Officer, UAS, Raichur - 584104,
E-mail: spo@uasraichur.edu.in Ph: 08532-220165

E-Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-15/2025-26, Dt: 19.02.2026.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur is inviting e-tender notification for INVITING E- TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF SEED PROCESSING PLANT, SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENTS, VACCUME PACKING MACHINE & E-BOOKS The interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. The website address iswww.kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Indent Number:-UASRCR/2025-26/IND0071/Call-2, 0079/call-2 & 0088to 0097)The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 06.03.2026.

DIP/RCR/715/KSMCA/718/2025-26

Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer
UAS, Raichur.

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
#2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone No. 080-22265383. website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-28/1717/2025-26 Date:20.02.2026

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under Two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the work : Formation of Industrial Layout including Formation of 15M wide Roads including asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage works & HDPE Water Supply Pipeline etc., at Kadechuru Industrial Area, 2nd Phase Sub Layout, Yadagiri Taluk, Yadagiri District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **09.03.2026 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/JA/5779/2025-26

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 2

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,

2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 10.03.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 1,32,99,767.01 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and Paise One Only) as on 16.02.2026 plus further interest and cost thereon** due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s. ZIVAVENTURES A Partnership Firm Represented by Srinivas K and Krishnappa B,** No. 869 2nd Floor, 80 Ft Road 8TH Block Koramangala, Bengaluru South, Bangalore -560095. **(2) Mr. KRISHNAPPA B (Borrower)** S/o Biddappa, **(3) Mr.Srinivas Krishnappa** S/o Biddappa Krishnappa, **(4) Mr.Narasimha K (Guarantor)** S/o. B Krishnappa, **All are residing at:** No.30, Ayappa Garden, 2nd Cross Audgodi, Bengaluru South, Bangalore-560030.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **09.03.2026 - 5.00 pm.** **(₹.In Lakhs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incre -mental Value
1	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.45 and 46, Susheela Road Chikkamavalli, Division 37, New No.53, bearing Corporation Katha No.45 & 46, measuring East To West 30'+40/2 feet and North to South 55 Feet, in all measuring totally 1900 Square feet, along with Commercial Building consists of basement, ground floor & First Floor thereon., and bounded as follows: East by : Cross Road, West by : Shusheela Road, North by :Venkataswamappa Road, South by : House No. 47.	₹. 271.00	₹. 27.10	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 6381952519 and 9483544116, during office hours on any working day.

Date : 20.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

CE DIVISION: HASSAN, KSRTC Regional Training Institute Building, Near Dairy Circle, Ring Road, Hassan-573201. Ph. Office: 08172-295262 e-mail:eehsn@ksrtc.org

No: KST/EEH/JE/599/2025-26 Date: 18-02-2026

KPP PORTAL E-TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 09, 10, 11, 12 & 13/2025-26

Tenders are invited in KPP PORTAL E-Procurement mode from eligible registered KPWD/CPWD/MES Contractors for the following works. Tender Notification and further details for the works can be downloaded free of cost from KPP Portal website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in **from 21-02-2026 onwards.**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Project Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	E.M.D (in Rs.)	Last date for submission of tenders
1	Appointment of consultants for the project management consultancy services for the Project **"Development of bus station with its sub works at Bus station Tarikere".**	**915.00**	45,000/-	**07-03-2026**
2	Appointment of consultants for the project management consultancy services for the Project **"Development of bus stand with its sub works at Kadur Bus station.**	**598.00**	25,000/-	**07-03-2026**
3	Appointment of consultants for the project management consultancy services for the Project **"Development of Arasikere Bus station".**	**1958.00**	75,000/-	**07-03-2026**
4	Appointment of consultants for the project management consultancy services for the Project **"Upgradation and Development works in Chikkamagalur Busstation".**	**1987.00**	75,000/-	**07-03-2026**
5	Appointment of consultants for the project management consultancy services for the Project **"Construction of Electronic Driving track for RTO and Construction of A.R.T.O.Office with its Sub Works at Sakaleshpura".**	**1150.00**	50,000/-	**07-03-2026**

More details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer, KSRTC, CE Division, KSRTC Regional Training Institute Building, Near Dairy Circle, Ring Road, Hassan** during working hours on all working days.

DIPR/CP/5786/MAA/2025-26

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
KSRTC CE Division, Hassan

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Rathnamma and Others** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Bangaramma W/o Late Munireddappa was died on 18-08-2024** at Yambrahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 2/4/26 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc. No. 62/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri N. Rajshekaraiah., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri B. Muniraja** have filed the above petition for death certificate of **Sri. Bandemuniyappa @ Muniyappa S/o Late Venkatappa, was died on 2/12/2002** Residing at Mudugurki Village, Vijayapura Hobali, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the 2nd Addl Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 7-4-2026 at 11-00 A.M in C. Mis.No.24/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Manjunatha R, and Nayana H.M., Advocate

Government of Karnataka

DIRECTORATE OF URBAN LAND TRANSPORT URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER URBAN LAND TRANSPORT
BMTC, TTMC 'B' Block, (Above Bus Stand), 4th Floor, K.H.Road,
Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Ph : 080-22226627 / 6628, Fax : 080-22226630.
E-Mail : dultbangalore@gmail.com, dult@karnataka.gov.in W: https://dult.karnataka.gov.in

No:DULT-TECH/30/2024 Dated : 20.02.2026

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) invites E-bids (Call-2) from the qualified consultancies for the services of preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) for the Belagavi and Mangaluru cities of Karnataka. The last date for the receipt of e-bid on the **KPPP** portal for the tender is **05.03.2026, 5.30pm.** The bidders may download the tender document for from **https//kppp.karnataka.gov.in** web portal. Tender Numbers are as follows: **Belagavi: DULT/2025-26/SE0021/CALL-2, Mangaluru: DULT/2025-26/SE0028/CALL-2.**

Sd/- Special Officer
Directorate of Urban Land Transport
Urban Development Department

DIPR/CP/5771/Shirdi Sai/2025-26

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

Ulsoor Road Branch
No.21, Ulsoor Road, Opp: Telephone Exchange, Bengaluru-560042.
Phone: 9008555438, Email: ubin0800996@unionbankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice calling upon the below said borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest and other applicable charges from time to time as per the agreement within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. details of demand notices such as date of issue & loan Outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower

1. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: 1. M/s Fashion (Proprietor:Mr. Sridhar K N), No.193, 68th cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. **2. Mr. Sridhar K N** S/o Late K Nagendra, No.193, 6th cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. **3. Mrs. Shashikala(Guarantor)** W/o Mr. Sridhar K N, S/o Late K Nagendra, No.193, 6th cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.

Demand notice dated : 15.11.2025 Possession Notice Date : 19.02.2026
Total Amount mentioned in the Notice : Rs.12,72,567.65 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven Paise Sixty Five only) as on **14-11-2025** and interest thereon.
Description of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No.27,Chandapura village panchayat, Katha No.1979/183, in the residential layout formed in the land bearing Survey No. 44/1,which has been converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose, vide order Official Memorandum bearing No.BDS ALN.(A) SR:16/2005-06, dated 16.04.2005 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore as per Layout plan approved by the Anekal Planning Authority vide Letter No. APA/LAO/99/2010-11 dated 11.10.2012,siuated at Iggalur village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk and the above said property is now Numbered and assessed by Chandapura village panchayat authorities as No.1979/183/27, Property No.150200100600303021, as per the Computerized katha Form No.9 and Form No.11, issued by the Office of the village Panchayath, Chandapura, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 44 feet, totally measuring 1320 Sq. ft together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and and bounded by: East by : Site No.26, West by : Site No.28, North by : Road, South by : Property in Survey No.44/2.

2. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: 1. M/s Vee Technologies (Proprietor: Mrs. Shobha K C), 61/2, 4th Main, Abbayappa Rose Garden, N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076. **2. Mrs. Shobha K C** W/o Channaswamy, Karadipura village, Halaganahalli post, Bettadapura hobli, Periyapatna Taluk, Karadipura Mysore-571187. **3. Mr. Channaswamy (Guarantor)** S/o Halagaiah, Karadipura village, Halaganahalli post, Bettadapura hobli, Periyapatna Taluk, Karadipura Mysore-571187.

Demand notice dated : 15.11.2025 Possession Notice Date : 19.02.2026
Total Amount mentioned in the Notice : Rs. 11,39,808.67 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Paisa Sixty Seven only) as on **14-11-2025** and interest thereon.
Description of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.152900401600620008 Khaneshumari No 55/55, Gollahalli village, Kanchagaranahalli Grama Panchayath, Hosur Dhakle, Bidadhi Hobli, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562109 and bounded by: East by : Road, West by : Plot No.56, North by : Plot No.54, South by : Road.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the above mentioned date.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road branch, for an amount Mentioned against their names with interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 19.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works.

No:CEE/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AE–2/25-26/12726-28 Date:19.02.2026

I. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/CEE/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AE-2/2025-26/T&P-0067 Dtd:13.10.2025(CALL-3) for Supply of T& P Materials (Testing Kit and Measurement Kit) required for RT Circle, Chitradurga coming under Transmission (Operation) Zone, KPTCL, Tumakuru.

No:CEE/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AE–2/25-26/12729-31 Date:19.02.2026

II. Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AE-2/2025-26/93 dt: 21.01.2026 for Augmentation of Replacement of **2x12.5 MVA,** 66/11kV Power Transformer-1 & 2 by **2x20MVA** 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11KV sub-station **I.D.Halli,** Madhugiri Taluk, Madhugiri Operation Division, KPTCL.

III. Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AE-2/2025-26/94 dt: 21.01.2026 for Augmentation of Replacement of **2x12.5 MVA,** 66/11kV Power Transformer-1 & 2 **by 2x20MVA** 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11KV sub-station **Madhugiri,** Madhugiri Taluk, Madhugiri Operation Division, KPTCL.

No:CEE/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AE–2/25-26/12732-34 Date:19.02.2026

IV. Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/Tr(O)Z/SEE(O)/AE-2/2025-26/103 dt:11.02.2026 for Augmentation of **2x12.5MVA,** 66/11kV Power Transformer-1&2 by **2x20MVA** 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11KV **Shylapura** sub-station in Pavagada Taluk, Madhugiri Operation Division, KPTCL, Tumkur.

V. Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/Tr(o)Z/SEE(O)/AE-2/2025-26/102 dt:11.02.2026 for Augmentation of **1x8MVA,** 66/11kV Power Transformer by **1x12.5 MVA** 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11KV **Lingadahalli** sub-station in Pavagada Taluk, Madhugiri Operation Division, KPTCL, Tumkur.

for Sl. No. II to V works : Including supply of equipments materials, Dismantling and erection (including civil works), under Partial turnkey basis, on Percentage Tender Basis (Power Transformer & NIFS will be supplied by KPTCL, Testing and commissioning will be carried out by KPTCL).

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karanataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or KPPP website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or **on or after 23.02.2026.** Further details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Electy.),
Transmission (Operations)Zone, KPTCL,
"Prasarana Bhavan", 1st Floor, 66/11KV Tumakuru S/s Premises, Kothitopu Road, Tumakuru - 572103.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has proposed to purchase all that piece and parcel of the Row House bearing No. 34-B, situated at Aratt Cityscapes – Willow, developed on land bearing Sy. No. 71/2, Huskur Village, Biderhalli Hobli, Mandur Post, Bangalore, as set out in the Schedule below & hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property, from M/s. Aratt City Towers LLP / M/s. Aratt Cityscapes Project LLP, represented by its Partners, Mr. Tony Vincent & Mr. Vishal Vincent Tony, who have represented themselves to be the absolute owners in peaceful possession & enjoyment of the Schedule Property.

Any other person/s having any claim on the schedule property or any part thereof either by way of title, right, interest, lien, encumbrance, lis-pendence or charge of any nature including minor claims, agreement holder, easementary right holder & such other/s is / are called upon to notify the same to the under mentioned within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, with all documentary evidence supporting such claim, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsists & my client shall proceed to complete the purchase of the schedule property. Any objections / claims received thereafter will not be entertained or be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERY

All that piece and parcel of the Row House bearing No. 34-B, situated at Aratt Cityscapes – Willow, developed on land bearing Sy. No. 71/2, Huskur Village, Biderhalli Hobli, Mandur Post, Bangalore, converted for non-agricultural residential purpose as per O.M. No. ALN (EBK)SR/64/2015-16 dated: 12/1/2016 issued by Deputy Commissioner. Bangalore District. Bangalore, E-Khatha No. 150200401 601222759 having Super Built Up area of 193.92 Sq. mtr. (2087 Sq. ft.) and having Undivided share of 118.25 Sq. mtr. (1273 Sq. ft.) in the land, along with 2 nos. of top covered car parking and bounded on the. **East :** Open Space,
West : Row House No. 31-B,
North : Row House No. 33-B,
South : Row House No. 35-B.

Mr. GAUTHAM VASUDEV, Advocate,
No. 101/1, "Aprameya", 11th Cross, 8th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **(1) Smt. H V VASANTHA KUMARI,** Aged about 40 years, W/o, Sri. G Shivamurthy, **(2) Sri. G. SHIVAMURTHY,** Aged about 45 years, S/o, Sri. Ganganna Honnappa, both are R/at. No. 1176, 1st A Main, 3rd cross, Hosakerhalli, Dattatreya Nagar, Bangalore-560085, are intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **(1) Sri. THOMAS MATHE,** Aged about 66 years, S/o. Sri. C K Mathew, **(2) Smt. JOLLY THOMAS,** Aged about 61 years, W/o. Sri. Thomas Mathew, both are R/at. No.38, 1st Cross S V K Layout, Kamala Nagar, Near Venkateshwara Temple, Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560079 for Valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address **within 7 days,** from the receipt of this public notice. If no objections are forth coming **within 7 days,** my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable agricultural land bearing survey No.90, new survey No.90/2, Situated at Madapura Grama, (Village), Kasaba Hobli, Ramnagar Taluk, Ramnagar District, totally measuring 01-21 (One Acre Twenty-One Guntas) & bounded on:
East by : Devraju's Property
West by : K. Ramraju's Property
North by : Government Land
South by: Government Road.

Mr. MANJUNATH REDDY,
SMT. T. SHOBHA REDDY, Advocates
No. 8/7, Mega City, BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph:- 9845520830, 7353233778, 9972222955.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, our client Santhosh.H.S, son of late H.A.Shamanna Reddy, residing at Halanayakanahalli Village, Kamalagere post, Bengaluru-560035, had lost the original sale deed dated 06/05/2014 vide D.No.BMH-1-00809/2014-15, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bommanahalli, Sale deed dated 25/02/2014 vide D.No.BNG(U)BGR-08846/2013-14, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore, relating to property bearing site No.20, BBMP Khata No.34/20, situated at Naganathapura village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 1800 square feet and katha and tax paid receipts, and in this regard our client had also lodged a police complaint and in the event if anybody found the same, the same may be handed over to the undersigned or our client and they will be honoured suitably and on the other hand if anybody transacts with the founder of the said documents and got involved in creation of any types of documents or transactions, our client will initiate necessary legal action against all of them who were involved in such transactions in respect of the aforesaid property.

S.Santhosha Shetty And Associates
Advocates,No.53/2n,"Sanchana Nilaya"Opp: Someshwara Temple,hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore:76,Mobile No.9880206232.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. 04-TENDER-ELCON-CKP-25-26. For and on behalf of President of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Con), S.E.Railway, Rourkela invites e-tender for the following : **Brief Description of Works :** "Additional work for supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV Coventional OHE for Modification of Bondamunda K, J, E & D Cabin & Yards of construction of 5th line work in between Bondamunda-Rourkela section of Chakradharpur division of S.E.Railway." **Cost:** Rs. 3,39,45,235.50/- **Bid Security :** Rs. 3,19,700 /-, **Due Date:** 18.03.2026. **Completion period:** 09(Nine) months. Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps. gov.in** for full details/ description/ specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB:** "Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders" (PR-1214)

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ

ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಎಸ್.ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೇಟಗಳ್ಳಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ –571311
ಕಛೇರಿ : 0821-2517555, ಇಮೇಲ್: mysoreds@.com

ಸಂ: ಜಿಆಸಾರೋಆಮೈ/ಹೊ.ಗು/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ನಾನ್ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್/03/2025-26 **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.02.2026**

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಎಸ್. ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೇಟಗಳ್ಳಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ 2026–27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ **15 ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ಡಿ ನೌಕರರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ 15 ನಾನ್ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್** ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ, ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯು ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವೇತನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವೇತನ ಮತ್ತು ಪಿ.ಎಫ್., ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದರಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದು, ಮುಂದೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಿರುವ ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಣೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ವಿವರಗಳು: 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 18.02.2026** 2) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.02.2026,** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.03.2026 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** 4) ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.02.2026** 5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.03.2026** 6) ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 09.03.2026** 7) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ, ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ: **ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಕರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.** 8) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **80,59,842/–** 9) EMD amount 2% of the Tender Amount: ರೂ. **1,61,197/–(ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಅರವತ್ತೊಂದು ಸಾವಿರದ ನೂರ ತೊಂಭತ್ತೇಳು ಮಾತ್ರ).** ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ, ಟೆಂಡರು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: https//kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– **ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಶಸ್ತ್ರಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಕರು**
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ
DIPR/MYS/1709/SA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL

NO.RWS/Dn/KPL/SMB/2025-26/1408 **Date: 19.02.2026**

KPPP NOTIFICATION
Double Cover System

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for SBMG Work The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through kppp portol mode through portol **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

General Information:
1) Contractor should submit the Tender Bid Documents through Online Only. **2)** All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. **3)** EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only **4)** Two Cover Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:**eerwsskpl@gmail.com** in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from **21/02/2026**

Tender Processing Fee: As Per KPPP Portol 1) Tender Downloading **Date: 21/02/2026 Time: 10:00 AM to 07/03/2026 16:00 Hours**. 2) Tender receiving **Date** and **Time: 21/02/2026 Time: 10:00 AM to 07/03/2026 16:00 Hours.** 3) Technical Bid Opening **Date** and **Time: 09/03/2026 Date:16:30 Hours**. 4) Financial Bid Opening after approval of the technical bid from the Competent **Authority: 11/03/2026 Time: 11:00 AM** to or After Obtaining the Technical Bid Approval from the Competent Authority

The Contractors should produce the Original Documents within **8 days** from the open of the tender. If failed such Contractor candidature will not be considered.

DIPR/Koppal/693/ 2025-26/Deshpandepublicity

Sd/- Executive Engineer
R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry) Office, Pobbathi Maternity Hospital, 1st Floor, Sajjan Rao Circle, V.V Puram, Bengaluru-04.

No. CVO(AH)BSCC/PR/170/2025-26 Date: 20.02.2026

INVITATION FOR EOI
Two Cover System Short Term Tender

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD, BSCC invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the services detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Short terms tender for the supply of combined vaccine (5 in 1) for stray dogs of Bommanahalli Zone (Zone-2) **Approx. Amount put to tender : Rs.28.815 Lakhs, EMD in Rs. 57,630.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre bid meeting will be held on **24.02.2026 12:00 PM** at the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry), Pobbathi Maternity Hospital 1st Floor, Sajjanrao Circle, VV Puram, Bangalore-560004. **(2)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is: **03.03.2026 up to 4.00 P.M. (3)** Technical Bid opening date: **05.03.2026 at 5.00 PM. (4)** Financial Bid opening date: after the completion of Technical scrutiny.

Sd/- Chief Veterinary Officer (Animal Husbandry) HOD, BSCC

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Original Sale Deed dated 14.11.2014, registered as Document No. DNH-1-06523-2014-15 at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, pertaining to the property bearing Survey No. 20/1 measuring 16 guntas and Survey No. 21/1A measuring 30 guntas, situated at Thindlu Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, standing in the name of Mr. Manjunatha M., S/o Late Muniyappa, has been lost/misplaced.

The same could not be traced despite diligent search. The matter has been reported to concerned Police Station, Bengaluru.

If any person has found or has any claim, right, title, interest, or possession over the above said original document, they are hereby requested to contact the undersigned at the below address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which necessary steps will be taken to obtain certified copies from the concerned Sub-Registrar Office.

Manjunatha.M.
No.38, Sapthagiri Palace, 4th Floor, 11th Cross, Lakshmaiah Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560024. Mobile: 9945612315
Place: Bengaluru Date: 21.02.2026

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

DISTRICT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE OFFICERS OFFICE KALABURAGI

Tel No.08472 278619, dhogulbarga@gmail.com

No. EST-3/CR/188/2024-25 Date : 17.02.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-5

Subject: A tender notification has been issued for filling vacant Group -D and non -clinical posts on an outsourcing for the hospitals and health centers The tender details are available on the (KPPP). More information can be found at http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

1) Tender publication Number and Date : No.Est/C3/CR/188/2024-25, 2) Estimated amount received for tender : Approximate **Rs. 2,35,00,000/-** (Rupees Two Crore Thrity Five Lakh only) 3) EMD Amount **Rs.3.52.500.00/-** (Rupees Three lakh Fifty Two Thousand Five hundred rupees onluy) 4) Starting and closing date and time for submission of tender envelopes through e-portal : Start date : 18.02.2026 to 05.03.2026 Time 4.00 Pm, 5) Date and time of opening of technical envelopes of e-portal : date : 06.03.2026 at 4.30 pm 6) Date and time of opening of financial envelope Date : 09.03.2026 at 4.30 pm 7) office address and telephone number to contact for more information : District Health and Family Welfare Officers office Kalaburagi E-mail : dhogulbarga@gmail.com Tel No. 08472-278619

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1096/2025-26/ Deshpande Publicity

Sd/- District Health and family welfare officer Kalaburagi

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **SRI. HEMANTH KUMAR** and **SRI. RAKESH KUMAR H.** both are children's of Sri. Hiraram, Both are R/at. No.560, Lakshmi Complex, 2nd Main Road, 2nd cross, Near Lake KIADB Road, Chokkasandra, T.Dasarahalli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore- 560 057 had negotiated to purchase the Schedule property from **SMT. VEENA .P** W/o Kumar.R, R/at.No.392, Sri. Kalabyraveshwara Nilaya, 6th Cross, 7th Main, kanakasri Layout, Kannur, Bangalore-560077. Any person/s claiming any manner of right, title, and interest over the schedule property called upon to lodge such claim/s or objection with the under signed in writing with supporting documents with in 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication. If no such objection or claims are received within the set period failing which my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property same as "Free from claims of whatsoever manner and no claims shall be entrained later.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **land bearing BDA vacant site No.44, BBMP Khatha No.30/44, vide BDA Khata No.BDA/RON/C3/44/2004-05, in the Vyalikaval House Building Co-operative Society layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority vide Resolution bearing No.156/2003 dated:12-09-2003 and land bearing Sy.Nos. 24/5, 24/6, 24/7A, 24/7B, 24/8, 25, 26/1, 26/2, 26/3B, 33/1, 34/1, 34/2, 35/1, 35/3, 35/4, 35/5, 35/6, 35/7, 35/8, 35/9, 37/2, 37/3, 37/6, 38/1, 48/1B, 49/3, 50/4, 51/2, 52/1, 76/3A, 76/3B, 77/3, 77/4, 77/5, 77/6, 77/7, 78/2, 78/6, 79, 81/1, 85/8, 86, 87/1, 87/2A, 87/2B, 87/2C, 87/2D, 87/3, 87/4, and 88/5, BBMP Khatha No.30/44, EPID Khatha No.1576686672, measuring East to west 15.54 meters or 51 feet, North to South 9.14 meter or 30 feet, totally 142.03 Square meters or 1530 Square feet, situated at Nagavara village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, with constructed RCC roofed residential building 7800 Square feet, having all civic amenities** and bounded on the :- **East by :** Road; **West by :** Site No.30; **North by :** Site No.43; **South by :** Site No.45.

V.L. RAGHU, Advocate,
No. 792/1, 1st Floor, C.M. Nivas, T. Dasarahalli,Tumkur Road, Bangalore-560 057. Mob : 9980311276
Place: Bangalore Date:19-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the documents bearing Original Sale Deed Dated: 10.06.1993 executed between Sri Rajarajeshwari Gruha Nirmana Sahakaara Sangha Niyamitha Rep. by its Secretary and Sri. M. Jaya Muni Rao registered at the Office of Sub-Registrar, Kengeri AND Rectification Deed Dated: 03.06.2000 executed between Sri Rajarajeshwari Gruha Nirmana Sahakaara Sangha Niyamitha Rep. by its Secretary and Smt. Susheela Bai W/o Late M. Jaya Muni Rao have been misplaced and not traceable yet while shifting the Home. The Report of the same has been lodged with the Police on 19.02.2026 vide Lost Report No. 2071511/2026. All the persons are hereby informed that not to carry on any transaction on the basis of said missing documents. On behalf of the client, Mr. J. K. Prashanth Mohite S/o Jai Kiran Mohite, No. 97/5, 7th Cross, 4th Main, Cake House, Bengaluru-560018, Mobile No. 9035550166 (owner of the mentioned immovable property which is morefully described in the Schedule mentioned below), the undersigned Advocate hereby invites claims or objections, if any, for the transfer of said property. In case of any claims/objections kindly intimate the undersigned advocate along with the relevant documents to support their claims/objections within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. In absence of any claim within stipulated period, it shall be deemed that the property has no claim by virtue of lost Deeds as stated above.

DESCRIPTION OF LOST / MISPLACED ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

SALE DEED BEARING DOCUMENT No. 2428/93-94, BOOK-1, VOL. 741, PAGES 121-123 DATED: 10.06.1993 REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF SUB-REGISTRAR, KENGERI, BANGALORE ALONG WITH RECTIFICATION DEED BEARING DOCUMENT No. 2021/2000-01, VOL. 1933, PAGES 186-187 DATED: 03.06.2000 REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF SUB-REGISTRAR, KENGERI, BANGALORE

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL SITE BEARING No. 374, SITUATED AT NAGADEVANAHALLI VILLAGE, KENGERI HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK, BANGALORE DISTRICT, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 30 FEET NORTH TO SOUTH 40 FEET AND TOTAL AREA BEING 1200 Sq. FT., AND BOUNDED ON
EAST BY : SITE No. 373, WEST BY : SITE No. 375, NORTH BY : ROAD, SOUTH BY : SITE No. 381

Sd/- **R. VIDYASAGAR,** ADVOCATE,
V. A. R. S AND ASSOCIATES,
No. 3/14, 2ND FLOOR, DBS AND SONS BUILDING, 4TH MAIN, GANDHINAGAR, BENGALURU-560009.
MOBILE No. 9731562242
PLACE: BENGALURU DATE: 20.02.2026

Canara Bank

A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310181 – e-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 12.03.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale]**, through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **11.03.2026.**

(₹. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price & EMD
1.	**M/s MZ Ultralite Aac Blocks** Prop: Mohammed Zabi, Gundukallu Hosur, Mandya Road, Nagamangala, Mandya-571432 **Sri Mohammed Zabi** S/o Ahmed Hussain, #35, 6th Block, Mandya Road, Haneef Mohalla, Nagamangala, Mandya -571432 **Smt. Shrafunnisa** W/o Ahmed Hussain #36, 6th Block, Mandya Road. Opp to Venkateshwara Theatre, Nagamangala, Mandya-571432	**Rs 6,96,55,195.34 (Rupees Six crores Ninety six lakhs Fifty five thousand one hundred ninety five and thirty four paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 01.02.2026 along with expenses, other charges, etc.**	All that part and parcel of property bearing assessment No 03,PID No 152100501700120049 situated at Gundakalluhosuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nagamangala taluk, Mandya district, in the name of Mohammed Shafi, measuring at East to West 105.3084 meter and North to South 76.85532 Meter Bounded on the East by Land of Anwar Khan, West by Road, North by remaining Land and South by Land of Mohammed Shafi. All that part and parcel of the property No 8-3-89 assessment no 253/2664 measuring East to West 13.41 mtr North to South 64.02 mtr situated at Mandya Road, Nagamangala Town, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District comprising of Ground floor of 108.696510 sqmtr+183.947940 Sqmtr of residential and 101.078464+44.593440 Sq.mtr of commercial unit and first floor 19.27737250 Sqmtr residential bounded on the North by Property No 8-524-122, East by Property No 8-512-43A, West by Property No 8-508-28 and 8-508-30 and South by Road and Property no 8-3-87	**Reserve Price Rs.383.00 Lakhs** **EMD Rs.38.30 Lakhs** **Reserve Price Rs.349.10 Lakhs** **EMD Rs.34.91 Lakhs**
2.	**M/s Om Shree Gyana Jyothi Education Society** Alanahalli, H D Kote Taluk, Mysore District-571114. **Mr. Shivappa A S** S/o Late Shiva Nanjappa Alanahalli, H D Kote Taluk, Mysore District-571114 **Sri Raveesha S** S/o Shivappa A S Alanahalli, H D Kote Taluk, Mysore District-571114 **Smt. Rathamma** W/o Shivappa A S Alanahalli, H D Kote Taluk, Mysore District-571114 **Sri Sundaresh S** S/o Shivappa A S Alanahalli, H D Kote Taluk, Mysore District-571114	**Rs. 2,59,13,265.99 (Rupees Two crore Fifty Nine Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five and Ninety Nine paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 01.02.2026 along with expenses, other charges, etc.**	All the aprt and parcel of the property Panchayath Janjar No. 437, Unique No. 152200100100400473/437, Alanahalli Village, Hampapura Hobli, H D Kote Taluk, Mysuru District Measuring East to West: 26+50+6 mtrs, North to South: 66.5+14+33.4 mtrs, Bounded on: East by: Mr. A S Shivappas and Mr. Nagappas Remaining Land West by: Grama Thanna and Mr. Somannas Land, North by: Sarakari Ooni and Mr. Shivappas Property, South by: Mr. Kempegowdas land and Mysuru Gadige Road	**Reserve Price Rs.105.00 Lakhs** **EMD Rs.10.50 Lakhs**

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For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 7561062889, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET)-e-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

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Date : 19.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	**Mrs. R Rajeshwari (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c Nos. 1) 686268519 Rs.32,77,205/- 2) 692526358 Rs.42,224/- 3) 702404785 Rs.9,85,597/- Total Amount: Rs.43,05,026/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Five Thousand Twenty Six Only) as on 31.10.2025**	**28.11.2025**	**20.02.2026**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and Parcel of composite property bearing converted Sy.Nos.22(P), 23 & 24, of Chandrashekarapura Village and Sy.No.50/2, Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, totally measuring 12 acres 32 guntas, with 'A Khata issued by BBMP bearing No.3/1/1 dated 14.02.2017 and bounded on the: **East by** : Sy. No.21 & 22 of Chandrashekarapura Village, **West by :** Kammanahalli Boundary, **North by** : Lake, **South by :** Road and remaining portion of Sy. No.50/2 of Yelenahalli Village. **Schedule B:** Undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property equivalent to **18.857 sq. mtrs (202.97 sq. ft)** **Schedule C:** Residential Apartment bearing **No.202** (Two Zero Two) comprising One Bedroom and measuring **53.419 sq. mtrs (575 sq. ft)** of super built-up area on the Second Floor, P Wing (Block - P) of the multistoried building known as **'NANDI CITADEL'** constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property along with **One Covered car parking Space** in the basement measuring 8' x 16' feet and marked as slot No.39 and also, right of use of other common areas such as roads, park, clubhouse, Swimming pool, amphitheatre, Gym, tennis court, Children's Play area provided in Schedule 'A' Property.
2	**Mr. Jithesh Ramesh (Borrower) Mrs. Viveka Mohan Das (Co-Borower)**	**Loan A/c No 602099510 Rs.19,81,123/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Three Only) as on 31.10.2025**	**01.12.2025**	**20.02.2026**	**Schedule A: Item No. 1:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands in **Survey No. 100** measuring 1 Acres 34 Guntas, and Survey No. 156 measuring 4 Acres 06 Guntas, in all measuring 6 Acres, both situated in Doddathogur Village. Begur Hobli, Bangalore, and together bounded as follows: **East by** : Land bearing Survey **No.101** belonging to B.R. Vasudev Murthy and Land bearing Survey No.88; **West by :** Land bearing New Survey No.102/2 (Old Survey No.151) presently known as Neeladri Nagar, **North by** : Land bearing Survey No.99 and 90/2: **South by :** Road leading from Shikaripalya to Electronic City: **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands presently bearing Khata **No.2391** issued by the Doddathoguru Village Panchayat, carved out of portion of Survey No.89/1 measuring 1 Acre 37 Guntas, Portion of Survey No.90/1 measuring 4 Acres 20.5 Guntas, Survey No 90/2, measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas. Portion of Survey No.91/1 measuring 3 Acre 15 Guntas, and portion of Survey No 91/2 measuring 3 Acres 04 Guntas, all situated in Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, in all measuring 12 Acres 5 ½ Guntas and together bounded as follows: **East by** : Remaining Portion of Survey No.89/1, and Survey No.92. **West by** : Land bearing Survey No. 99, and Survey No.98. **North by** : Remaining Portion of Survey No. 91/1 and Land bearing Survey No.96, **South by** : Land bearing Survey No. 156 and 100, **Comprising of the following: Item 1 (belonging to Owner No.1):** Portion of Survey No.90/1 measuring 3 Acres 15 Guntas, Survey No.90/2 measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas, and portion of Survey No. 91/1 measuring 1 Acre 1 Gunta in all measuring 5 Acres 39 Guntas **Item 2 (belonging to Owner No.2):** Portion of Survey No 89/1 measuring 1 Acre 37 Guntas, portion of Survey No. 90/1 measuring 1 Acre 5 ½ Guntas and portion of Survey No. 91/2 measuring 3 Acres 4 Guntas in all measuring 6 Acres 6 ½ Guntas **Schedule B : Item No. 1: a) Residential Apartment:** Apartment **No. A-103** in the First Floor admeasuring built up area of about **1352 square feet,** consisting of two bedrooms and internal passages, situated in Block 'A' of the Residential Complex **"AJMERA INFINITY".** The Plan of the said Apartment shown in the Plan attached hereto. **b) Appurtenances:-** Along with the proportionate undivided share of about 169 square feet in common area of the development and attributable and attached to the Apartment along with exclusive right to one semi covered car parking No. 183. **Item No.2:** An undivided **0.09%** (Zero Point Zero Nine percent) share i.e., 635 Square Feet in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property; (The said Apartment has RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles with Honne Moulded Doors and Aluminium Windows)
3	**Mr. Mandar Sudhakar Bhatye (Borrower) Mrs. Neeta Mandar Bhatye (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No 607816900 Rs. 1,53,53,258/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) as on 31.10.2025**	**01.12.2025**	**20.02.2026**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property consisting of Converted non-agricultural residential land formerly bearing **Sy.No.49** and presently bearing Bruhat Bangalure Mahanagara Palike Khata No.1225/49, situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 05 Acres 17 Guntas and bounded by: **East by** : Property bearing Resurvey No.50; **West by** : Road; **North by** : BDA Road; and **South by :** Remaining portion of Property in Survey No.49. **Schedule B: 0.30%** Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in Schedule "A" Property, which comes to **576.49 Sq. Feet** of share in the land in Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule C:** All that Residential Apartment bearing **No. O-0404** in Fourth Floor of Block 'O'(previously known as Block F) in Wing 'II' within the project '**NITESH HYDE PARK'** to be built in Schedule 'A' Property and apartment measuring **1684 Sq. Feet** of Super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use together with right to use **one Top Covered Car Parking Space.**

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.
However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken **symbolic** possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.
The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.
Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.
Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 21.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

EDITORIAL

"Education is not the amount of information that is put into your brain and runs riot there, undigested, all your life. We must have life-building, man-making, character-making assimilation of ideas"

Swami Vivekananda

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

EPSTEIN FALLOUT FACES ATLANTIC WALL, HISTORY WRITES A DARK CHAPTER

THIRTY years after the first complaint, 20 years after the first police report, and more than six years after Jeffrey Epstein was arrested for the second time on the charge of sexually abusing underage girls, the arc of justice is finally bending to haunt a few of the many rich and powerful persons associated with the convict. The latest such person to be investigated is Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor, the former British prince stripped of his royal titles last year—a decade after Epstein victim Virginia Giuffre accused him of paedophilia.

It marks an inflection point for the British royal family, even if it's not a stranger to scandals. Though the charge against Andrew—misconduct in public office, or knowingly indulging in serious wrongdoing when working for the public—is not easy to prove, the sight of someone who is still eighth in the line of succession to the British throne in handcuffs is a massive blow.

The latest revelations' fallout faces an Atlantic divide. Apart from Andrew, former British ambassador Peter Mandelson, former Norwegian prime minister Thorbjørn Jagland and former French culture minister Jack Lang have stepped down from high offices. In contrast, the only political appointee to have stepped down for association with Epstein in the US is Alexander Acosta, a former labour secretary who resigned in 2019. Apart from a few in academia, law and business, the other American associates of Epstein—including President Donald Trump—are defiant for now. They ought to remember that if morality is brazenly held acquiescent to American singularity, it's the latter that frays.

It's true that mere association with Epstein is not a crime; many associates have claimed they sought investment advice or access to leaders. But a question of ethics arises when those holding government or fiduciary posts stayed in touch with the disgraced financier even after his first conviction.

Some of the 3 million Epstein files still held back despite a law mandating their release may yet see the light of day, as demanded by hundreds of survivors. Some of the allegations may also be quietened by lawyered scrutiny. But even at the present level of disclosure, what's certain is that the abhorrent episode will go down in the court of public opinion as one of the worst transgressions of all times.

TN MUST GROW OWN TAXES TO IMPROVE FISCAL HEALTH

TAMIL Nadu, the fastest growing state in 2024-25, is facing mounting fiscal challenges. These include widening deficits and difficulties in bolstering its own tax revenues. While the interim budget presented by Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu projected the nominal gross state domestic product to rise 14.5 percent to ₹40.67 lakh crore in 2026-27, it revealed significant strains in fiscal health. The fiscal deficit was raised to 3.48 percent of GSDP in the revised estimate for 2025-26, up from the budget estimate of 3 percent. The revenue deficit has gone up sharply for the current year from a budgetary estimate of 1.2 percent to a revised estimate of 1.9 percent. The state's own tax revenue (SOTR) for 2025-26 fell short by ₹14,355 crore against the target of ₹2,20,895 crore. The outstanding debt increased marginally to 26.43 percent of GSDP.

The finance minister has squarely blamed New Delhi for the financial stress, citing the GST rate rationalisation which cost the state ₹9,600 crore, an unexpected ₹1,709-crore integrated GST deduction, and a ₹1,202-crore cut in the state's share of central taxes. The ₹9,500 crore paid by Tamil Nadu to cover for the Centre's share of Chennai Metro Phase II remains on the state's books. GST being the largest share of SOTR, the rate rationalisation implemented last year had a significant impact. The minister also criticised the 16th Finance Commission for retaining the states' share in the divisible pool of taxes at 41 percent despite the growing chorus for a higher share. Further, Tamil Nadu has accused the Centre of denying infrastructure approvals, withholding funds under centrally-sponsored schemes, reducing tax revenues without consultation and imposing arduous spending conditions.

Despite noting these headwinds, the minister expressed optimism for fiscal improvement in 2026-27. His hopes rest on stronger revenue projections, both in its own tax and non-tax revenues and the share of central taxes; he has predicted SOTR to grow from ₹2.07 lakh crore in the current year to ₹2.3 lakh crore in 2026-27. The state government, which is making higher allocations for social welfare measures as an investment to empower the marginalised and the needy, must prioritise revenue enhancement. It must revert to its core strategies for bolstering tax compliance and administrative efficiency to meaningfully grow its own kitty.

QUICK TAKE

A DANGEROUS SELF-GOAL

WHAT José Mourinho meant as a side-pass resulted in volleys against him. When the self-anointed 'Special One' among coaches clumsily tried to defend his Benfica player Gianluca Prestianni, whom Real Madrid goalscorer Vinícius Júnior accused of racist abuse during a Champions League game, the giants of football accused Mourinho of abdicating his duty of care. The Brazilian forward stated that the Argentine midfielder had called him a 'monkey', a charge supported by other players like Kylian Mbappé. Rather than speaking out against racism, Mourinho lectured Vinícius on post-goal celebrations and cast aspersions on his charge. The other offence is of Benfica supporters making monkey gestures from the stands. The European football federation, which instituted an anti-racism policy in 2013, must take stern action on all three transgressions.

The renowned sociologist wanted his students to talk about music, discuss science and celebrate politics. In scholarship, he insisted on quality. To him, the university was a hallowed precinct

ANDRÉ BÉTEILLE: A GRAMMARIAN OF CULTURE

SHIV VISVANATHAN

Social scientist associated with the Compost Heap, a group researching alternative imaginations

MANDAR PARDIKAR

MY father used to tell me that India does not value its real treasures. I knew he was not talking about objects or commodities or even the great historic monuments. He was dealing with intangibles.

He was referring to a teacher as a resource. A teacher can set fire to the imagination even in a third-rate, ramshackled school. A teacher becomes the seeding ground of the nursery of dissent even in a bureaucratic, third-rate university. A teacher is life-giving by definition. And André Béteille was one such person.

André was exemplary. For him, the university was the cathedral of the 21st century. The class provided the daily source of the sacred. For him, the everyday lecture sustained the traditions of scholarship and knowledge that the university has protected for centuries.

We must realise that André was himself one such person. When he was at the Delhi University, it had over a dozen such intellectuals: there was Sumit Sarkar in the history department, Randhir Singh in political science, Amartya Sen in economics, and Veena Das and Jit Uberoi in sociology.

The very presence of these people gave scholarship both a sense of dignity and play, and made academics an attractive career to follow. I must emphasise that for André Béteille, everydayness was a ritual. For him, the lecture hall, the seminar room and the conference hall—they were where the three great sacred events of the university were embodied.

One of the best ways of understanding the creativity, resilience and resistance of the university is to look at the Emergency. The Emergency marked the university as resistance incarnate. One can think of a few examples.

I remember that when my colleague Hira Singh, a combative Marxist, was arrested, it was André and Veena who took the case to the court. They fought vehemently for Professor Singh. I was amazed watching it, because no two people disagreed with Hira Singh more. I realised that the Emergency emphasised the fraternity of difference that sustained democracy.

What was even more amusing was that when Hira Singh came back from jail to attend a staff meeting, he and André fought vociferously over every issue on the meeting's agenda. For André, what Max Weber had said about science is true for teaching as a vocation.

I must recollect another event. During the final phases of the Emergency, newspapers started the campaign to raise 5,000 signatures against it. André and Veena were deeply committed to it. We organised a campaign over two evenings and collected more than 5,000 signatures.

When we were organising the final package, we were confronted by a strange event: about a dozen students came protesting, even crying, claiming that their parents wanted their signatures back. They were mainly children of bureaucrats. Many of the organisers refused to respond to them, saying it was too tedious a task to retrieve the signature. But André intervened, saying they have the right to recall. He explained later that the Emergency was a muddled-up time and one should allow for a change in attitude.

I remember André's reputation as a teacher went sky-high when Ralf Dahrendorf, director of the London School of Economics, came personally to invite him to accept the chair at the hallowed institution. André refused, saying he was too involved in India. I asked him later if there was any other reason. He looked at me and said, "Have you noticed that children in England don't look happy today? They look under pressure. I want my daughter Radha to have India as a playground for a longer period."

For André, teaching and research were hyphenated activities. He brought an everyday discipline to research which I envy. He confessed one day that he wrote at least two paragraphs a day. I sniggered and then he responded, "Two paragraphs a day is a book a year." I felt embarrassed because in the first two years of research, I had not turned out a single paragraph.

It became even more embarrassing when I realised progress reports were due. I had forgotten to submit them, but the research committee cleared me. I then realised André had filed my reports, and when I went to thank him, all he said was, "I hope I have caught your inimitable style".

For André, sociology as research required gossip and storytelling, and he was a remarkable storyteller. When I was working in Kolkata on the history of science, he told me I must know about Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, Nirmal Kumar Bose, Meghnad Saha, Jagadish Chandra Bose—and then he added that science without folktales is impoverished.

André was insistent that every student must master the basic domains of culture. He wanted us to talk about music, discuss science and celebrate politics. I remember he was dismissive of a leading political scientist's work by insisting that the latter did not know the difference between Dostoevsky and a block of wood. André felt every anthropologist was a witness to culture and must understand the grammar of that culture.

We used to quarrel very often. Many a time, in desperation, he would say, "How do I civilise you?" One day, we quarrelled so bitterly over a chapter of my thesis that I hid in the library for a week. He summoned me, looked impassively and offered me a book. It was a translation of his teacher anthropologist N K Bose's writings. On it was inscribed: "To Shiv Visvanathan, from André Béteille, neither a patron, nor a guru." The message was clear. It captured André as an upholder of traditions, yet one who emphasised individuality and integrity.

André loved quality—he treated it like a sensorium. I remember when I was finishing my thesis and boasting about it. He said, "You haven't yet passed the test of quality control." He told me that my three evaluators would be an outstanding sociologist of science, a great sociologist of India and a leading science policy expert. They were Edward Shils, M N Srinivas and Ashok Parthasarathi. When they toasted my thesis, André smiled wickedly and claimed, "He is still to realise his potential."

One misses that wry humour, that celebration of scholarship and that tolerance for difference. I wish one could invent a few Andrés for the present-day university. We need that dignity, that commitment and that power of storytelling which sustained the ideal of freedom in the university.

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NEW VIRTUES MEET OLD FICTION

C P SURENDRAN

Author whose latest volume of poetry is *Window with a Train Attached*

THE Union home ministry has chosen a striking moment for a cultural reminder. With the West Bengal assembly polls expected in April-May 2026, it issued a directive on January 28 that '*Vande Mataram*' be sung in its original six stanzas at all government functions, effective immediately.

The 'national song', a position conferred by a Constituent Assembly resolution on January 24, 1950, is to be sung before the national anthem at all government functions. That the decisions of the Constituent Assembly itself is not deemed sacrosanct seems apparent since the Assembly never decreed that '*Vande Mataram*' should precede '*Jana Gana Mana*'.

On the face of it, the directive to honour the 150th anniversary of the national song, written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875 and finding cultish currency when sung by Bhavananda, a character in his novel *Anandamath*, published in 1882. Do note: fiction changes facts.

That the novelist gave the song to Bhavananda is an interesting detail. Bhavananda falls in love with Kalyani, the wife of protagonist Mahendra, and, in "expiation" of his sin, later falls fighting enemies.

Bengal, in the novel, is under the wayward administration of the "traitor" Mir Jafar, "a bad Mussalman". Then again, in the novel, all "Mussalmans" are "bad".

It's not a greatly insightful occupation to judge the past with the values of the present. Ideals, understanding and traditions change with the times. To sit in judgement of the past might afford us opportunities to feel superior to our predecessors. But all we are really doing is killing our natural kindness with our newly-acquired virtues. And so, we will not raise the question: if Bankim Chandra were living now and expressed his Islamophobic sentiments, which party would likely honour him more?

In *Anandamath*—the translation I have is that by Nares Chandra Sen-Gupta—we find a pronounced racial hatred for Islam, a point that must appeal to the BJP, especially since one of their planks in the impending election is the fetishising of illegal immigrants, a euphemism for real or imagined aliens from Bangladesh.

Consider this passage from the novel: "...but our Mussalman king—how does he protect us? Our religion is gone; so is our caste, our honour, and the sacredness of our family even! ... Unless we drive these tipsy long-beards away, a Hindu can no longer hope to save his religion."

In the latter part of the novel, Bhavananda addresses the English captain whom he has just overpowered: "Captain Saheb, we shall not kill you; the English are not our enemies. But why did you come in as friends of the Mussalmans? Come, I shall save your life, and for the present you are my prisoner. We wish all joy to Englishmen; we are your friends."

PTI

As '*Vande Mataram*' is restored to official prominence, a look at Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's *Anandamath* underscores the layered historical context of the song. The debate lies in how literary works are repurposed in modern politics

Where Bankim Chandra offers a problem of sorts for the BJP is that he is an Anglophile—a secret love many BJP and RSS leaders seem to share but would not confess for obvious reasons.

At the very end of the novel, when the 'Santans' emerge victorious in their battle against Mir Jafar's soldiers, a great mystic physician-monk—the ascetic guru who pulls the strings—appears and says the "revolution" should now be deferred: "The English are great in objective sciences, and they are apt teachers. Therefore, the English shall be made our sovereign. Imbued with a knowledge of objective sciences by English education, our people will be able to comprehend subjective truths. Then there would be no difficulties to the spread of the True Faith...Till that is so...the English rule will remain undisturbed... desist from fighting with the English and follow me. Where is the enemy now? There is none. The English are a friendly power and no one, in truth, has the power to come off victorious in a fight with the English."

It must be noted that Bankim Chandra was a British civil servant and a magistrate. For his dedicated service, he was awarded the title of Rai Bahadur in 1891 and Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire in 1894. Therefore, we can at least raise the question whether he was compromised in his patriotic fervour.

The national anthem, now finding itself somewhat demoted, has often been accused by the right wing of being a tribute to George V—though Rabindranath Tagore said in his 1937 letter to his friend and associate Pulin Behari Sen that that was not the case.

But Tagore did have his own British connections, too. If he is guilty of Anglophilia, surely that was a burden shared by Bankim Chandra? So, at least on this count, why bring the national anthem down from its pedestal?

The unabridged version of '*Vande Mataram*' is six stanzas long. The first two praise the natural bounty of India/Bharat. The last four praise and personify Hindu goddesses such as Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. There is no good reason why the people or children of other denominations must listen to the powers of other gods in what's yet a secular country.

It is clear that the ruling party is cynical in its politics to promote '*Vande Mataram*' in this fashion. To conflate gods and goddesses with politics in a culturally diverse country is to render patriotism the last refuge of the ministries that be.

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Open wounds

Ref: *Leaders must align words with core value of fraternity* (Feb 20). The editorial is accurate in reminding leaders of their influence over masses and consequent duties. In a diverse country like India, irresponsible statements can deepen open wounds. The spirit of oneness must be spread through words and actions.
Pranjal Rajpoot, Bengaluru

Colonial hangover

Ref: *What's in a name?* (Feb 20).
The name-changing spree may trigger deeper conflicts. But looking from another angle, nationalistically, do we need foreign names any more after nearly 80 years after rejecting colonial rule? The exercise may seem unnecessary, but would any government that may succeed the present one dare to revert to old names?
Sanath Kumar T S, email

Clearing air

Ref: *Minding every breath we take* (Feb 20).
I wish to praise Dr Mysore for shedding light on the silent storm brewing in our lungs. We can't afford to sweep the sharp rise of ailments under the carpet. Clean air should not be a dream, but a shared responsibility.
Raju Kolluru, Kakinada

Power grab

Ref: *SC slams states over freebies ahead of polls* (Feb 20). Freebies have been attributed to drain out some states' economy. Besides, it has created a culture of dependency and entitlement at the cost of the taxpayer's purse, only to benefit the political parties in the power-grab exercise.
Raghu Joshi, email

Sabarimala probe

Ref: *Court slams SIT, gives thantri bail* (Feb 20). The special investigative team for the Sabarimala gold theft case was a failure. Almost all accused have been let off on bail. The SIT couldn't even file a preliminary chargesheet within schedule. The team should be dissolved forthwith and a new, efficient team be tasked.
M T Thomas, email

Iran countdown

Ref: *Trump gives Iran 10 days to make deal or face 'bad things'* (Feb 20). Donald Trump's statement to Iran seems to be a sly desire and a threat. Now it's clear that the US can attack Iran at any time. Consequently, the peaceful lives of the ordinary people are going to be ruined. Heads of States should forgo cunning, selfish motives.
Amrose Dhanraj, Thiruvananthapuram

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
The Youth Congress comrades are fearless, they are the voice of the country's youth. They have raised their voice in support of the country's farmers, youth, and energy security

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
If you're heading to Japan, make sure to visit Kyoto as well, so you can understand why the prime parliamentary constituency of Kashi couldn't become like Kyoto

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
I have only three words for the Congress – topless, brainless, and shameless!... This is the world's AI Summit, and there are no protests there

The pact to expand energy infra, accelerate development of semiconductor ecosystem ● MEA says national interest, commercial viability guiding decisions

Pax Silica signed, India joins US initiative on AI, critical minerals

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw with US Ambassador Sergio Gor | SHEKHAR YADAV

INDIA on Friday signed a declaration to join the US-led strategic alliance "Pax Silica" at the ongoing India AI Impact Summit 2026. The move follows the announcement of a bilateral trade deal between India and the United States earlier this month and the rollback of an additional 25% tariff.

Pax Silica aims to strengthen resilient supply chains for critical minerals and artificial intelligence while addressing China's dominance in the critical minerals sector. In a joint statement released later, India and the United States said they plan to deepen cooperation under the Pax Silica framework to support future supply chains.

The two countries will explore joint initiatives such as research and development projects to expand reliable energy infrastructure, secure access to critical minerals, harness skilled workforces, and accelerate the development of trusted semiconductor ecosystems. They also intend to foster an environment in which the AI revolution is driven by the private sector, backed by robust developer tools and platforms that lower barriers to entry. Both sides aim to facilitate cross-border venture capital flows and R&D partnerships so that their democracies — and their entrepreneurs — remain architects of the future.

The initiative was first launched in December at the Pax Silica Summit in Washington. Partner countries include Australia, Greece, Israel, Japan, Qatar, South Korea, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. The Donald Trump administration had initially left India out of its first list of participants.

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, said India has become part of Pax Silica and that the move will greatly benefit India's electronics and semiconductor industry.

Micron Technology CEO Sanjay Mehrotra said the initiative signed here brings technological collaboration between the US and India closer. Jacob Helberg, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, said, "... So today, as we signed the Pax Silica Declaration, we say no to weaponised dependency, and we say no to blackmail. And together, we say that economic security is national security. But we must be precise about what that word means."

Helberg added, "From the mines to the models, we are securing the full stack of the future — the minerals deep in the earth, the silicon wafers in our labs and fabs, and the intelligence that will unleash human potential. Pax Silica is our declaration that the future belongs to those who build."

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said Pax Silica will unite nations that believe technology should empower free people and free markets.

US does not want anyone to buy oil from Russia, says Gor

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

THE United States does not want any country buying Russian oil, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said on Friday, stressing Washington's position amid the Ukraine conflict and ongoing India-US trade talks. "On the oil, there's an agreement. We have seen India diversify its oil. There is a commitment. This is not about India. The United States doesn't want anyone buying Russian oil. The President has been very clear on this and wants this war to end," Gor told reporters on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

He said discussions are underway between the US Department of Energy and India's Ministry of Energy regarding imports of Venezuelan crude.

India continues to source most of its crude from the Middle East, though imports from Russia have declined in recent months as refiners adjust strategies amid geopolitical pressures. When asked if Venezuelan oil would be routed through the United States or imported directly, Gor said talks are ongoing. "There is hope that there will be clarity soon," he said, adding no final decision has been made public.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal reiterated India's position. "On Venezuela, we had said that if it is commercially viable, then we can explore buying oil from Venezuela," he said, stressing that national interest and commercial viability guide India's oil purchasing decisions.

Cong to organise protests against trade agreement

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Congress, along with farmer bodies, will launch a nationwide outreach campaign against the Indo-US trade deal. The party will organise 'Kisan Sammelans' to highlight how the trade deal will "adversely" affect the farmers.

The first such event would be organised in Bhopal on February 24, where Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi would be present.

The decision to organise 'Kisan Sammelans' was taken at a meeting of Congress leaders from five states—Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, and the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, in which Kharge and Gandhi were present.

CAT steps in, MES workers win 9-year-old dress allowance battle

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

Order after contempt petition filed against 5

The CAT directed the defence ministry and the force to consider the workers' pending representations and pass an order within two months in light of those judgments. As the deadline passed without compliance, the workers returned with contempt naming five senior officials as contemnors.

FOR nearly nine years of legal fight, Military Engineer Services (MES) workers, the civilian backbone of the Indian Army, in Uttarakhand were denied a modest dress allowance the Centre had promised them. It took five ignored representations, three Central Administrative Tribunal judgments, two court orders and finally a contempt petition against top officials to make the defence ministry pay their legal due.

The workers had been seeking dress allowance of ₹5,000 per annum due since July 1, 2017. They stated that it was government-notified entitlement, applicable to central government employees following the Seventh Pay Commission's recommendations. Anand Singh Negi, a MES employee from Clement Town of Dehradun, had filed an appeal before the CAT. The MES employee unions also filed applications before the tribunal.

What was most alarming for the CAT in the case was the bureaucratic silence that preceded the court fight. "The applicants have preferred representations dated 04.09.2022 and 12.08.2023 and reminders dated 04.09.2024, 18.09.2024 and 20.09.2024. However, the same are pending consideration by the respondents for final decision," the tribunal observed.

The applicants had made representations on September 4, 2022 and August 12, 2023 requesting the defence ministry and MES authorities to implement the dress allowance entitlement. When no response came, they followed up with reminders on September 4, 18, and 20 of 2024, but no order came from the authorities.

Finding no relief, the workers filed application before the CAT. The bench on November 18, 2024 noted that the matter was covered by judgments already passed by the Chandigarh bench in 2020 and 2023 and Guwahati bench in 2023 on the identical issue. The tribunal directed the ministry and the force to consider the workers' pending representations and pass an order within two months in light of those judgments.

As the deadline passed without compliance, the workers returned with contempt naming five senior officials as contemnors, including the defence secretary. After the contempt plea came before the bench, the ministry's counsel submitted that the earlier order had been complied with in letter and spirit. The workers then got their due.

Priest, pvt jet, paper trail & the biggest steel firm

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

BPSL, directors got credit worth more than ₹47k crore

Between 2007 and 2014, BPSL and its directors — including Sanjay Singal, Aarti Singal, Dinesh Kumar Yadav and Ravi Prakash Goyal — secured credit facilities exceeding ₹47,000 crore from 33 banks and financial institutions. PNB's Chandigarh branch acted as the lead lender.

SOMETIMES, it takes a priest and a private jet to expose a paper empire. For the Enforcement Directorate, the sleek Cessna 525A CJ2+, bought for ₹30.90 crore, was evidence of the alleged excesses by Bhushan Power & Steel Limited (BPSL) to commit a bank fraud worth ₹47,204 crore.

The priest came into the picture after ED informed the Appellate Tribunal at a hearing. The tribunal, under SAFEMA, subsequently upheld the ED's attachment of the jet, ruling it "direct proceeds of crime" on February 18. The order closed one chapter of a case that exposed how one of India's largest steel manufacturers allegedly built an empire on borrowed money—and deception.

As the ED started probing the case, tracing transactions across dozens of accounts and entities, it came across the Cessna, registered under Bhushan Airways Services Pvt. Ltd. (BASPL). It had been purchased in 2009 for ₹30.90 crore.

According to investigators, ₹9.90 crore of the purchase price was routed through Singal-controlled firms — Olympian Finvest Ltd., Vintage Steel Pvt. Ltd., Aromatic Steel Pvt. Ltd. and Titanic Steel Industries Ltd. — entities allegedly fed by BPSL's tainted bank funds. The remaining ₹21 crore came as a loan from Punjab National Bank. That loan, too, was repaid through a maze of companies, further tightening the ED's case that the aircraft was financed with diverted public money.

Then came the stunning revelation. The sole director of BASPL, the aviation company that owned the jet, was not a corporate executive or aviation professional. He was a priest, Vijay Kumar Tiwari. "It was also found that the Director of M/s BASPL, Sh. Vijay Kumar Tiwari was merely a priest and was made a dummy director by Sh. Ravi Prakash Goyal and Sh.Sanjay Singal. He was unaware about the business transactions, as revealed by his statement under section 50 of the PMLA," the order stated.

When questioned, he reportedly had no idea what BASPL was or how he had come to head a company that owned a private jet. In June 2022, the ED attached the aircraft, effectively grounding it.

In the mid-2000s, as India's steel sector boomed, BPSL expanded aggressively, setting up manufacturing units across the country and unveiling ambitious growth plans. Banks bought into the projections.

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On paper, the loans were meant for industrial expansion. In practice, investigators say, a significant portion was siphoned off through a web of shell companies.

By December 2015, as repayments faltered and accounts turned irregular, Punjab National Bank declared BPSL a non-performing asset. Other lenders followed. By January 30, 2018, the outstanding default had ballooned to ₹47,204 crore.

The unravelling began with Income Tax raids in December 2014. In April 2019, the CBI registered a case, triggering the ED's money laundering probe under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Then the jet came into the picture.

TECH Talk

PMO ROUNDTABLE WITH GLOBAL AI CEOS

Seva Teerth, which houses Prime Minister Narendra Modi's newly relocated office, hosted a high-level roundtable with global AI CEOs on Friday, underscoring India's push to accelerate artificial intelligence development. The session, chaired by Modi, focused on AI's expanding global influence and its role in solving population-scale challenges. According to the PMO, startups showcased AI applications in healthcare from advanced diagnostics to gene therapy and digital patient records and in agriculture, using geospatial and underwater intelligence to enhance productivity and manage climate risks.

US REITERATES STANCE ON AI REGULATIONS

In sharp contrast to Europe's long-standing push for tighter regulation of artificial intelligence, the US on Friday reiterated its opposition to global AI governance, batting instead for "real AI sovereignty" built through national capability and partnership with American technology providers, a position Washington has consistently maintained. At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, marked by strong European participation, Assistant to the President and the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Michael Kratsios, outlined what he described as America's alternative vision for global AI order.

Modi and Dissanayake take stock of India-Lanka ties on AI meet sidelines

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PM Modi with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake in New Delhi | PTI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on the sidelines of the AI Impact Summit 2026 with the two leaders taking stock of progress in bilateral relations and exploring new avenues of cooperation.

"Strengthening friendship with a valued neighbour... We took stock of the progress in India-Sri Lanka relations in recent times," Modi said in a post on X after the meeting. The discussions covered collaboration in energy, connectivity, infrastructure, healthcare, skilling, culture and the blue economy, underscoring the strategic importance both sides attach to the partnership.

The meeting with Dissanayake was part of a packed diplomatic schedule that saw Modi hold seven back-to-back bilaterals. He also met Peter Pellegrini of Slovakia, Alois, Hereditary Prince of Liechtenstein, and Mauritius Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam. The India-EU free trade agreement (FTA) featured prominently in talks with European leaders, alongside discussions on digital technology, startups, defence, space, innovation and research partnerships.

Separately, Modi met UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and reiterated India's support for harnessing artificial intelligence for inclusive global development. The two also exchanged views on UN reforms, particularly enhancing the voice of the Global South.

DIGIYATRA SYSTEM A BIG HIT AT SUMMIT

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

FOR the first time, DigiYatra, the facial recognition technology, has been put to use at a location other than the aviation ecosystem –the Bharat Mandapam, where the India AI Impact Summit is underway. The initiative received a good response and helped ease the rush at numerous entry points, said a source.

DigiYatra is an initiative by the civil aviation ministry that facilitates fast-tracked entry and boarding at key airports in the country. "This is the first time such a large-scale beta use of DigiYatra has been done at a location other than the airport. The response has been overwhelming. It has made the entry smooth and fast for countless visitors. The exact number of delegates and attendees who made use of it will be collated after the event," said an official.

Data processed by DigiYatra is automatically deleted after the summit ends. Sharing details, the official said the app for the AI summit and DigiYatra app were integrated. "One needs to open the summit app and select Enter AI Summit with DigiYatra or scan QR code using DigiYatra app and give explicit consent for face-based verification," he said.

A member of DigiYatra Foundation said, "Deployment reflects showcasing of citizen-centric applications of digital public infrastructure and AI by civil aviation and electronics and IT ministries."

AI fundamentally reshaping global working landscape, V-P told

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

A group of CEOs and delegates participating in the India AI Summit 2026 on Friday met Vice President CP Radhakrishnan at his residence, where they shared their perspectives on how artificial intelligence is fundamentally reshaping the global working landscape and unlocking vast new opportunities.

The guests also highlighted AI's transformative potential across key sectors such as healthcare, education, and employment, noting that India is uniquely positioned to benefit from large-scale AI-driven innovation and deployment.

They also expressed appreciation for the India AI Mission for its continued support in building a strong and collaborative AI ecosystem.

A press statement issued by the Vice President Secretariat said that the delegates described the summit as spectacular in scale and impact, showcasing a vibrant pool of young talent, innovative ideas, and forward-looking solutions from emerging minds across the country. "They also discussed the practical and citizen-centric applications, including the use of AI-powered simultaneous language translation in parliamentary proceedings, which can significantly enhance accessibility, efficiency, and inclusiveness in governance," also read the statement.

During the meeting, Radhakrishnan underlined that AI enhances accuracy, improves ease of work, and delivers meaningful benefits to society at large. Expressing optimism about the future of AI, he noted that it would not only transform existing roles but also generate new job opportunities.

BOMB HOAX

The Rajasthan High Court received a fresh bomb threat on Friday, hours before the scheduled arrival of CJI Surya Kant in the city, officials said. Nothing suspicious was found, but the court proceedings were delayed.

2 WOMEN KILLED BY TEMPO IN MAHA'S PALGHAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	21	Mumbai	31	24
Bhopal	29	17	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	27	15	Patna	29	16
Amritsar	27	12	Lucknow	28	15
Chennai	28	24	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	32	19	Imphal	27	12
Srinagar	13	02	Chandigarh	26	13

Home minister says border villages to be developed to prevent intrusions • Drug fight marks Mann's campaign; BJP, SAD line up rallies

BJP to make Assam free of flood, infiltration: Shah...

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday appealed to people in Assam to re-elect the BJP, promising that his government would make the state flood-free and drive out infiltrators. Addressing a gathering after launching the second phase of the Vibrant Villages Programme from Nathanpur, a village along the Bangladesh border in southern Assam's Barak valley, Shah said the BJP-led Centre was committed to developing every border village at par with the rest of the country.

"The Congress kept the border open and infiltrators continued to come. They grabbed the jobs of youth, the lands of villagers and tried to change the population pattern," Shah said. He added, "After we came to power ten years ago, we stopped infiltration in the first five years and cleared illegal occupation in the next five."

Urging voters to return the BJP to office, he said, "Vote for us again, we will drive out those who entered during Congress rule and work to make Assam flood-free." He accused the Congress of neglecting development, saying the BJP achieved in a decade what it could not do in fifty years.

"In the last five years, fourteen kilometres of road were built every day, twenty-four thousand kilometres upgraded, and four major bridges completed," he said. Shah claimed that multidimensional poverty fell from 37% to 14%, and per capita income rose from ₹49,000 in 2013-14 to ₹1.54 lakh in 2024-25.

"Assam developed because there is peace. Infiltration, bomb blasts, bandhs and terrorism have ended," he said, adding, "The state is now the Northeast's healthcare hub and has a ₹27,000-crore semiconductor plant."

He said the programme will cover 334 blocks and 1,954 villages across several states, including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, and Rajasthan.

Amit Shah with Assam CM Himanta Sarma and others in Cachar on Friday | EXPRESS

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... Cong will sound Punjab poll bugle with Rahul rally

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WITH less than a year left for the 2027 Assembly elections, political heat is rising across Punjab. The Congress plans to begin its campaign with a massive rally in Barnala on February 28, addressed by the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party has already sounded the poll bugle. It held an anti-drug rally under its "Yuddh Nasheyan Viruddh" campaign at Killi Chahlan in Moga on February 16. The BJP Party is planning a rally in early March, to be addressed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Meanwhile, the Shiromani Akali Dal is likely to hold its rally after April.

All major parties prefer launching campaigns from Moga, considered politically central and easily accessible from Malwa, Doaba, and Majha. It has long been a strong base of farmer unions.

The Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee has appointed Hardial Singh Kamboj as the district in-charge, coordinating with Barnala MLA Kuldeep Singh Dhillon. In an official message, general secretary Sandeep Singh Sandhu directed leaders to ensure full preparation and turnout.

"Rahul Gandhi will address the gathering and expose the hollow promises of the AAP government, as well as the failure of state agencies to maintain law and order in Punjab," Kamboj said.

Sources said preparations for the rally at the grain market in Barnala have begun. Efforts are also being made to keep all leaders united and set aside internal differences and factionalism.

Punjab Congress president and Ludhiana MP Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said, "The state leadership will attend, and we will raise issues including deteriorating law and order, MGNREGA, and the India-US trade deal's impact."

After launching "Punjab Bachao, Sukhbir Singh Badal Liyao" campaign from Qadian, SAD plans a show of strength.

Rahul Gandhi being greeted by state unit leaders in Lucknow on Friday | EXPRESS

BJP to open Assembly poll campaign with Shah's rally

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AHMEDABAD DIARY

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Pilot 3rd Raj leader to steer Gujarat unit

With Gujarat local body polls approaching, the Congress high command is weighing a bold organisational shake-up centred on Sachin Pilot. Sources indicate that Pilot is being considered to take charge of the Gujarat Congress, replacing the current leadership to inject electoral momentum. The move reflects Delhi's strategy to deploy a young, high-visibility face to revive a faltering state unit and counter the BJP's entrenched machinery. If finalised, Pilot would become the third Rajasthan heavyweight to steer Gujarat affairs, signalling a high-stakes experiment to reset narrative, and reposition Congress as a competitive force.

Ex-AAP leader claims expose revolt plot

Explosive factional rift rocks Gujarat AAP as former farmer face Raju Karpada alleges deep hostility between party MLA Gopal Italia and state president Isudan Gadhvi. Karpada claims Italia fumed when Gadhvi was elevated, allegedly urging workers to burn effigies and stage protests. The charge suggests open sabotage, not silent dissent. Buzz within ranks, he says, is that Gadhvi is fully aware yet the cold war persists. The revelations paint a party battling ego clashes, fractured command and distrust, raising questions over unity, credibility and grassroots morale ahead of crucial political battles in Gujarat as polls loom large and intensify tensions.

BJP attacks AAP leaders over Assembly picture

Buzz over Gujarat's ₹4 lakh crore budget erupted into a political storm after a viral Assembly photo showed AAP MLAs Gopal Italia and Hemant Khawa smiling beside Finance Minister Kanubhai Desai. The image fuelled "double standard" charges: fierce criticism outside, cordial optics inside. Italia hit back, saying they met Desai to flag public neglect, not praise the budget. Khawa termed it democratic courtesy. The bigger intrigue: phones are barred in the House, yet the photo surfaced. Buzz claims the shot came from Desai's mobile, allegedly clicked by former minister Jitu Vaghani.

US

Indian-origin truck driver held after fatal crash

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A 25-year-old Indian-origin semi-truck driver was arrested in the US after his truck allegedly jumped a red light, leading to a three-vehicle collision killing a 64-year-old man.

Sukhdeep Singh, the accused trucker driver, was taken into custody by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as he was not only driving wrong, which cost a life, but was also present in Indiana illegally. The accident reportedly took place on Thursday at the intersection of U 36 and County Road 525 East in Hendricks County between Avon and Danville, Indiana.

The eastbound Freightliner tractor-trailer failed to stop at the red light and collided with a Chevrolet pickup. The driver of the pickup, 64-year-old Terry Schultz, died on the spot due to the impact of Singh's truck.

As per authorities in the US, Singh was first detained in 2018 and then released under the 1997 Flores consent decree.

In January this year he moved to New Palestine, Indiana, as earlier Singh was living in New York.

Parental consent must for getting married in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat government plans to tighten marriage registration rules, sparking debate over privacy, parental consent, and safeguards against identity fraud. Amendments to the Gujarat Registration of Marriages Rules were announced in the Assembly, and public objections and suggestions have been invited before the framework is finalised. Officials say the aim is to make the process "transparent, secure and legally robust".

A key proposal affects love marriages. Once a couple applies, the girl's parents will automatically receive the details through WhatsApp. The marriage certificate would be issued only on the 40th day after application. The government says this waiting period will act as a verification buffer to detect coercion, misrepresentation or forged identity claims.

Home Minister Harsh Sanghvi strongly defended the move. He said, "We are not against love. But if someone becomes 'Salim Suresh' to trap a daughter with a fake identity, the state will not allow such deceit to succeed." He added that genuine couples with parental approval would face no hurdles, but those hiding identities would face strict scrutiny.

The reforms also tighten documentation. Notary validation must happen in the presence of all parties, with "strict action" if papers are signed in absentia. Disclosure of witnesses' identities, photographs and Aadhaar copies will be mandatory.

KEY CHANGES

- Bride and groom's physical presence now mandatory; proxy registrations barred
- Approval power shifted from talati to taluka level; rural applicants can submit locally
- Notaries registering without all parties present face legal action
- Parents' Aadhaar, phone number and address now compulsory in applications
- Alerts to parents on the day the marriage application is filed

RS ELECTION

MVA Maha tug of war for 1 seat in Upper House

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SHARAD Pawar had earlier announced that he is not keen to go to the Rajya Sabha again, but after the death of his nephew Ajit Pawar and halt to NCP merger talks, he has thrown his hat for the March 16 polls.

Considering the strength of the parties and alliances in the Mahrashtra assembly, the MahaYuti is in a comfortable position to win six Rajya Sabha seats with the support of 228 MLAs. The MVA with 46 MLAs can win only one seat.

The Congress is also eyeing the one seat. Party's state spokesperson Atul Londed Patil hinted at it when he said the Congress is the second largest party in MVA. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut said Sharad Pawar is keen to go to the Rajya Sabha again. "He is the architect of MVA. The Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT) should extend all support to him," he said.

An NCP (SP) leader said, "Ajit's death changed the political situation for the Pawar family and NCP (SP). Pawar earlier planned to pass the mantle of both parties to his nephew, but after Ajit's death, he can't leave his party the lurch. His activeness in Delhi and state politics is important. Hence Pawar now wants to be reelcted to RS."

With 5 MLAs, Owaisi to play crucial role in RS poll in Bihar on March 16

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

ASADUDDIN Owaisi-led AIMIM is all set to play a significant role in the March 16 Rajya Sabha election for five seats in Bihar.

Of the vacant seats, two each belong to the RJD and JD(U), and one to RLM. AIMIM has five MLAs in the 243-member Bihar assembly. To become a Rajya Sabha member from Bihar, a candidate would need support of at least 41 MLAs. The NDA with 202 MLAs can easily win four seats but will need the support of three more to win the fifth seat. These three votes are difficult to get without cross-voting.

The INDIA bloc with 35 MLAs needs support of six more to win a Rajya Sabha seat.

With the support of AIMIM's five votes and BSP's one, the Opposition alliance can make a strong bid. Sources said the RJD intends to field an influential candidate for the fifth seat.

Among the members retiring are Amarendra Singh and Premchand Gupta of RJD. From JD(U), Union minister Ram Nath Thakur and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman

Harivansh will complete their terms on April 9, so also Upendra Kushwaha of RLM, elected from BJP quota.

Support of 41 MLAs needed to win a seat

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From JD (U), the name of Ramnath Thakur, son Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur, is almost certain, sources said. If the party doesn't send Harivansh, it could send a negative message to its allies. BJP has hinted at some prominent names. Names of Bhojpuri actor Pawan Singh and Kushwaha are doing the rounds. Kushwaha's party has four MLAs, so it has to be seen how NDA's other allies support his candidature if he contests. LJP (RV) leader Chirag Paswan's mother Reena Paswan is also being considered for Rajya Sabha.

Warmest Feb in 1 decade, winter shrinks in J&K

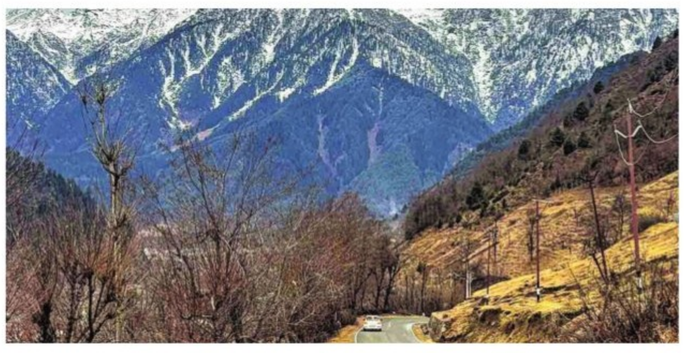
FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

CLIMATE change and global warming have impacted the duration and intensity of winter in Kashmir, with the region experiencing an unusually warm winter. The day temperature is being recorded between 8 and 10 degrees above normal, making it the warmest February in nearly a decade.

According to the weather experts, the day temperature is expected to rise by two degrees by month-end. After a mild winter in January, the Valley is experiencing unusually warm days with bright sunshine.

"Today, Srinagar's day temperature was recorded at 20.2 degrees Celsius, which was 9.2 degrees above normal," Director of the Meteorological Department Kashmir Dr Mukhtar Ahmed told this newspaper.

He said it was the highest maximum temperature recorded in the month of February in a decade. The previous high was on February 24, 2016, when Srinagar recorded a day temperature of 20.6 degrees.



Due to climate change and global warming, our winter's duration and intensity have shrunk. Now our winter is confined to a 40-day period of Chillai Kalan —Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, Director of MeT

The ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded a day temperature of 11.6°C on Friday, which was 9.6 degrees above normal. On February 11, 1993, Gulmarg had recorded 11.4 degrees Celsius.

According to independent forecaster Faizan Arif, these numbers do not mark the end of the heat spell. "In fact, it has only just begun. Several more records are likely to be challenged in the coming days."

"This February is now on track to turn out as one of the warmest on record for Jammu & Kashmir," Arif said.

With the Valley witnessing unusual hot weather, the Director of MeT predicted a further rise in the day temperature in February. "The day temperature by the end of this month may rise by at least 2 degrees as a dry spell persists," he said.

According to Dr Mukhtar, Kashmir has been impacted by global warming and climate change, and "we are now witnessing the mild winter." "Due to climate change and global warming, our winter's duration and intensity have shrunk. Now our winter is confined to a 40-day period of Chillai Kalan," he said. "There is also a change in precipitation".

Temp expected to rise two degrees by month end

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CAG flags teacher shortage in higher secondary and middle schools in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

HIGHER secondary schools in Madhya Pradesh are facing a severe shortage of teachers, according to a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report.

Based on the findings of the compliance audit of human resource management in schools, which was conducted in 2018-2023 (while the state was ruled by BJP and Congress governments), the CAG has flagged that the shortage of teachers was most severe in the higher secondary schools, which had a 45% shortage, followed by a 40% shortage in the secondary schools and 33% in the case of the middle schools.

Though the primary schools were better staffed, they still had a notable shortage of 10% of teachers.

Importantly, the CAG Report for the period ended March 2023 was tabled in the MP Assembly on Friday.

The audit revealed that out of the sanctioned 85,442 posts of teachers, 45%, or 38,492 posts, were vacant in higher secondary schools, while in the case of secondary schools, 15,224, or 40%, of the sanctioned 38,283 posts were vacant. In the middle schools, there was a 33% shortage, as 36,084 out of the sanctioned 1,08,652 posts were vacant. The situation was best when it came to primary schools, where out of the 97,066 posts for teachers, just 9,755 were vacant.

Further, the audit revealed that while the overall shortage was 3.46% in urban areas, the shortage in the rural areas was around nine times higher at 28.32%.

The CAG's compliance audit also flagged that the state government couldn't maintain the mandated Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) in schools, leading to an average PTR of 37:1, 40:1, and 54:1 in the middle, secondary, and higher secondary schools against the mandated 35:1, 30:1, and 30:1, respectively.

It was also revealed that the number of training programs conducted was inadequate owing to the shortage of training faculty at the District Institution of Education and Training (DIET).

Training programme inadequacies

The department didn't achieve the training targets in 38 out of the 54 courses. Also, ₹35.71 crore out of the ₹165.09 crore provided for conducting training under the SSA lapsed during 2018-2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, SRI. R NARAYANAPPA, Son of Ramakrishnappa @ Ramakrishnaiah is the owner of the Item No.1, 2 & 3 of the Schedule Property and SRI. NAGARAJU son of Muniyappa is the owner of the Item No.4 of the Schedule Property mentioned below in the Schedule Property hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client M/s Abhee Ventures Pvt Ltd has negotiated and agreed to purchase the schedule Property situated at Maranayakanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District from the above said respective absolute owner. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, GPA, JDA, transfer, lease deed, BDA allotment, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office at No 538, Sector IV, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1
ALL THAT PIECE and parcel of land bearing Survey Number 27/1 measuring 03 Guntas situated at Maranayakanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:
East by: Survey Number 27/4, West by: Road,
North by: Survey Number 27/6, South by: Survey Number 27/10.

Item No.2
ALL THAT PIECE and parcel of land bearing Survey Number 27/6 (Old Survey Number 27/1) measuring 16 Guntas situated at Maranayakanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:
East by: Survey Number 27/4, West by: Road,
North by: Survey Number 27/7, South by: Survey Number 27/1

Item No.3
ALL THAT PIECE and parcel of land bearing Survey Number 27/10 (Old Survey Number 27/5, Earlier Sy No 27/2) measuring 14 Guntas situated at Maranayakanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:
East by: Survey Number 27/4, West by: Road,
North by: Survey Number 27/1, South by: Survey Number 27/11.

Item No.4
ALL THAT PIECE and parcel of land bearing Survey Number 27/7 (Old Survey Number 27/1) measuring 33 Guntas situated at Maranayakanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:
East by: Survey Number 27/4, West by: Road, North by: Survey Number 26, South by: Survey Number 27/6.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore
Date: 20.02.2026
Gana M T, Advocate
No.305, Pariwar Passion Apartment 5th Cross, 5th Main, Noble Residency Road, Doddakammnahalli, Bangalore-560076

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ

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ಶೇಷಾದ್ರಿಪುರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560020

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ 3ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವರ್ಟಿಕಲ್ ಇನ್ಫ್ರಾ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ವರ್ಗ-1 ನೋದಾಯಿತ ಕೆಪಿಡಬ್ಲೂಡಿ/ಸಿಪಿಡಬ್ಲೂಡಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ರಿತ್ಯಾ KW-4 ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಐಟಂ ದರದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿ:20.02.2026 ರಂದು ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ವಿವರಗಳು

Time and Date of Pre Bid Conference	**25.02.2026 at 11:00 AM,**
Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders in Portal	**27.02.2026 at 05:30PM.**
Time and Date of Opening of Tender Documents (Qualification Information)	**02.03.2026 at 11:00 AM.**
Time and Date of Opening of Financial Bid	**Time and Date will be Intimated for the eligible bidders**
Place of Receiving and Opening of Tender Documents	Office of the Executive Engineer, No.3 Division Karnataka Slum Development Board, #55, Ground Floor, Abhaya Complex, Risaldar Street Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020. Email id: **Ksdbdiv3@gmail.com**, Web Site: **https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/ksdb**

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್/ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನ ದರ, ಇಎಂಡಿ & ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, 3ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಥವಾ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ನಂ.3ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಕೊಅಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR/CP/5784/NR/2025-26

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RASMEC Hosur Branch, Sri Vaari Building, Plot No. 2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate Phase-1, Zuzuvadi, (Opp. Ashok Layland) Hosur-635126, Phone: 04344-277714, Email id: sbi.61275@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/c. No. 37786886261

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASMEC Hosur Branch Hosur,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a **Demand Notice dated:27.11.2025** calling upon the **Borrowers : Shri.Carl Christopher David S/o David Prabhakar** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.74,58,497 (Rupees Seventy four lakhs fifty eight thousand four hundred and ninety seven only) as on 27-11-2025.** and interest & expenses thereon, **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub of Section 4 of Section, 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this. **19.02.2026**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs.76,46,444/- (Rupees Seventy six Lakhs forty six Thousand four Hundred and forty four only) as on 19.02.2026 and further interest from 20.02.2026** costs, etc., thereon. till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Schedule "A" Property: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Site No 12 & 13 Khata No.555/603 situated in G M Palaya, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East measuring from East to West 80 Feet and North to South 60 Feet in all together 4800 Square Feet and Bounded on. **East by :** Property of Late Mrs.Nagarathana, **West by :** Property of Vendors, **North by :** Private Property, **South by:** Road.

Schedule "B" of Property
DESCRIPTION OF THE FLAT PURCHASED)

An undivided for share of 4.00% equivalent to 192 square feet in the schedule 'A' Property which is required for the Apartment bearing No. B-403 measuring 1050 square feet and constructed on the 4th floor, of the Multi stored building known as "Aishwarya Residency" the schedule premises consist of 2 bed rooms with a balcony, Hall cum Dinning, Kitchen, 2 Toilets, with standard fittings and fixtures. The apartment is situated on the fourth floor on its east open to sky, on its west by Flat No.B-401 & B-402 and its North open to sky and south by Flat No.404 and the apartment Constructed with the specifications mentioned below:- **a) Structure:** ISI standard Building structure with RSS roof, Teak wood main door and other doors with sol wood frame with plywood door, Granite platform to the kitchen with 2 feet height dados above the platform. **b) Flooring:** Vitrified tiles to the hall & Dinning Johnson tiles for Bedrooms, Antiskid flooring for the bedrooms. **c) Accommodation:** Hall, dining with sit out, Kitchen ,32 bedrooms, one balcony , 2 bathroom cum toilets with standard Electrical & bathroom fittings. **d)** One exclusively covered car parking space on the Ground floor exclusively earmarked for Flat B-403.

Place : Hosur
Date : *19.02.2026*
Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA

KORAMANGALA BRANCH

Bank of Maharashtra
No.440, 8th Main, 4th Block, 80 feet Road, Kormangala Bangalore -560034
Email: bom1146@mahabank.co.in brmgr1146@mahabank.co.in,
Ph No: 080-25631819

POSSESSION NOTICE (section 13(4)] (For immovableProperty)

Whereas:

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank Of Maharashtra, **Koramangala Branch** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **22.09.2025** calling upon the **Borrowers : Mr. Venkateshan R, Mr. Kumar R & Mrs. Uma Devi** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.79,77,536.00 (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six only)** plus unapplied interest thereon as mentioned in the demand notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The notice was sent through Regd. AD Post and also published in New Indian Express and Samyukta Karnataka on **07.12.2025.**

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the said Rule on this **17th day of February** of the year **2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Maharashtra, Kormangala Branch** for an amount hereinabove mentioned.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing No.3, New No.106/1/3, Old Katha No.106/1, New Katha No.252, Present BBMP Katha No.257/252/252/106/1/3, admeasuring area 1200 sq. ft. (East to West 40 ft. and North to South 30 ft.) lying and situated at Bommanahalli Nagarasabhe, Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru-560068 and bounded as follow- **On or towards East:** By Muniallappa's property. **On or towards West:** By 25 feet Road. **On or towards North:** By S Muninanjappa's property. **On or towards South:** By Muniallappa's Property. **CERSAI Asset ID: 200051810627.**

DATE: 17.02.2026
PLACE: Koramangala
Sd/- Chief Manager &Authorized Officer
Bank of Maharashtra

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD

Office of the Estate Officer, Krishi Nagar, Dharwad-580 005

No.EO/UASD/SURPLUS FUND/2025-26 **Date: 18.02.2026**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (II ND CALL)

Expression of Interest is re-invited through e-Procurement portal as per KC-1 from the Public Sector Banks, RRBs & Scheduled Banks those having branches in **Hubli-Dharwad** City Limit for providing the competitive rate of interest on Short Term Deposits. The surplus amount approximately **Rs.5,50,00,000/-** of General Fund and Krishimela Revolving Fund is to be parked in the form of short term fixed deposits in the banks. The details of the notification and conditions etc., can be had with bid document by visiting the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last Date & Time for Receipt of bids	26.02.2026	To	16.00 Hrs
2	Date & Time for Opening of bid	27.02.2026	At	16-15 Hrs

The interested Banks need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For more details, please contact ph. No: **080-23010900**, The Banks are requested to get updated with corrigendum/ addendum (if any) issued online at the following e-Procurement website in the entire tender process. **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

The University reserves the right at its absolute discretion to proceed or cancel with the tender at any stage before awarding the work.

DIPR/Dharwad/1262/
2025-26/Deshpandepublicity
Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER

BELAGAVI SMART CITY LIMITED

1st Floor, BUDA Office, Ashok Nagar, Belagavi -590016, Phone: 0831-2461352, E-mail: bscltd16@gmail.com, website: www.bscl.in

Tender Ref. No: BSCL/CITIIS 2.0/2025-26/739 Date: 20/02/2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director Belagavi Smart City Limited Belagavi, bids are invited from eligible bidders through E-Procurement cum Request For Proposal (RFP) for the below mentioned projects. Further details may be downloaded from the e-procurement website of Government of Karnataka (**https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**

Name of the Work:

1. Preparation and Submission of Environment and Social Reports of Belagavi City under CITIIS 2.0 Project in Belagavi, Karnataka."

1) The date from which document can be downloaded is: **21/02/2026 to 02/03/2026 up to 5.00 PM,** 2) Last Date for Submission of Bid **02/03/2026 Up to 5.00 PM,** 3) Last Date to receive Technical Queries: **25/02/2026 UP to 5.00 PM,** 4) Pre-Bid Meeting is on **27/02/2026 @ 11.30 AM at BSCL office,** 5) Technical Bid Opening is on: **05/03/2026 At 11.00 AM.,** 6) Financial Bid Opening Date: **07/03/2026 @ 11.00 am.**

DIPR/BELAGAVI/1887/
2025-26/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY
Sd-
Executive Engineer (Procurement)
Belagavi Smart City Limited

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India

COOKE TOWN BRANCH
Bengaluru
Ph: 080-22959653 E-mail: ubin0800911@unionbankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Cooke Town Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **16.08.2025** calling upon the Borrower: **1.Mr. Venkatesh K,** S/o Late Krishnappa, No.203, Bhimaiah Layout, 1st Cross, Triveni Nagar, Diesel Shed Road, K R Puram, Bangalore 560036. **2.Mr. V Raju** S/o K Venkatesh, No.203, Bhimaiah Layout, 1st Cross, Triveni Nagar, Diesel Shed Road, K R Puram, Bangalore 560036. **3.Mrs. Chandramma** W/o K Venkatesh, No.203, Bhimaiah Layout, 1st Cross, Triveni Nagar, Diesel Shed Road, K R Puram, Bangalore 560036, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.53,61,182.83/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Sixty One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Two Rupees Eighty Three Paise Only)** and interest/Charges thereon within days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **20th day of February 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Cooke Town Branch** for an amount **Rs.53,61,182.83/- (Rupees Fifty three lakh sixty one thousand one hundred eighty two rupees eighty three paise only)** and interest/charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that Piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.1, Khata no.44/2/1, situated at Devasandra Village, Krishnaraja Hobli. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. The property comes under the jurisdiction of CMC, Krishnarajapura and measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet in all measuring an area of 1200 sq feet and bounded on East by : 20 feet Road, West by : Property belonging to Sri Pillappa, North by : Government Road, South by : Site No.2 belonging to Smt.Ramalakshmamma.

Date: 20.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda — Dasarahalli Branch

(A Government of India Undertaking)
No.13/5, 4th Cross, Eshwar Rao Compound, 8th Mile, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV - Rule 8 (1) 13(4) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Dasarahalli Branch, Bengaluru,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **01.12.2025** calling upon the **Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors, 1) Sri.Basavanni Bugadi Katti,** S/o Sri. Shankar Bugadi Katti, R/o No.15, Ambabhavani Nilaya, AMC Main Road, 3rd Cross, Kavalbyrasandra, R. T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, **2) Smt.Madhavi** W/o Sri. Basavanni Bugadi Katti, R/o No.15, Ambabhavani Nilaya, AMC Main Road, 3rd Cross, Kavalbyrasandra, R. T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.56,38,006.23 Paisa (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand and six and Paisa Twenty Three Only)** as on **01.12.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **18 February 2026.**

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount **Rs.56,38,006.23 Paisa (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand and six and Paisa Twenty Three Only)** as on **01.12.2025** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

"We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender /private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available."

Description of the Property

Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.16, PID No.95-103-16, situated at 2nd Main Road, M. M. Layout, Kavalbyrasandra BBMP Ward No.95 (formerly House No.475, Khatha No.569, situated at Gramathana Kavalbyrasandra, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru), measuring East to West 46 + 53/2 Feet and North to South 50 Feet, totally measuring 2,970 Square Feet, and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: House List No.474, North by: 30 Feet Road, South by: House List No.495.

Schedule 'B' Property: 312 ½ Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land of the Schedule "A" Property.

Schedule 'C' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.102, on the Ground Floor, in the Residential Apartment Building known as "NATURE RESIDENCY", constructed on the Schedule "A" Property, having a Super Built Up Area measuring 1,150 Square Feet, along with One Car Parking Space.

Date : 18.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

TENDER CANCELLATION

Tender has published in the newspapers VIJAYA KARNATAKA and NEW INDIAN EXPRESS on 16-02-2026 for "Providing Electrical infrastructure to the regularized IP sets by extending 11 KV lines, Erection of 25 KVA Star 1 (4 Star) rated Distribution Transformers and Extension of LT line on Partial Turnkey basis (25 KVA Distribution Transformer will be supplied by BESCOM) under PERCENTAGE QUOTING BASIS in BESCOM, CTAZ jurisdiction" the said tender has been cancelled and withdrawn.

For electricity related complaints Call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Ele.,)
O&M Zone, BESCOM

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD

(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2337353, FAX No. 0471-3045647),
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/22/2025 **Date: 18.02.2026**

E- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the procurement of Anti Haemophilia Drugs vide e-tender no KMSCL/ED/HEAM/RC/2026/002 dtd. 18.02.2026 for Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala.

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Last Date & time of Uploading of tender	Date & time of Technical Bid opening
1.	**Recombinant Anti Haemophilic factor VIII (SHL & EHL) 500 IU**	**04.03.2026 5.00 pm.**	**06.03.2026 11.00 am.**

Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

(S/d-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-procurement system)

Tenders in electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" were invited on behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.2, Tumkur in Two tender document system from eligible contractors for the Improvements of Road works of Gubbi taluk 01 work (2nd call) and Tiptur taluk 1 work (2nd call) under 4701 HOA. The amount put to tender of Rs.172.79 Lakhs & Rs.398.24 lakhs. The tender can be viewed from Dt:21-02-2026 through e-procurement. Details such as submission of bids/tender conditions/Pre-qualification criteria/ Pre bid details/Calender of events and other information related to above works can be obtained through e-portal. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Intending bidder can access the tender document through e-portal. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not be bound to accept the lowest tender. Corrigendum/addendum will be published in the e-portal. Any further information required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, VJNL, YP Division,
No.2,Tumkur. Ph: 08162201844,
e-mail: eeypd2tmk@gmail.com

Advertisement No. 21/2026
Government of India
Public Enterprises Selection Board
invites applications for the post of

Chairman & Managing Director
In
Northern Coalfields Limited

Last date of submission of application by the applicant is by 15:00 hours on
13/03/2026

Last date of forwarding of applications by the Nodal officers to PESB is by 17:00 hours on
23/03/2026

For details login to website
https://www.pesb.gov.in

CORRIGENDUM

In reference to the tender for "Hiring of an Integrated Technical Support Agency (TSA) for Agri-Entrepreneur Promotion, Agri-Horti Marketing, and Value Chain Development" bearing Tender ID- 2025_AHWB_66881_1 & Tender Reference No. IN-AD-509514-CS-QCBS, It is hereby notified that due to unavoidable circumstances, the above mentioned procurement activity stands cancelled.

Accordingly, the tender process initiated for the said activity is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect. All concerned bidders are requested to take note of this cancellation.

The authority reserves the right to re-invite the procurement at a later stage.

Sd/-
Director, Horti. & Soil Conservation
(Co-Project Director, Agri. Horti. PIU, TRESP)
ICA/C/4419/26 Governement of Tripura, Agartala.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	**47469410001562 47469610000142 & 47469410001078**	**1) Mr. Nagaraj, S/o. Yellappa, Also at: RR Eng. Workas, 2) Mrs. L Savitha**	**24.11.2025 Rs.25,31,425.07** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five and Seven Paisa Only) **due as on 20-11-2025**	**Date: 18-02-2026 Time: 11:37 AM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Northern Portion of Katha No.447/2/2/29, situated at Bidarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and **Bounded on the: East by:** Property belongs Ramanjanappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property belongs to Narayanappa, **South by:** Remaining portion of same katha number belongs to Krishnappa. Measuring East to West 40 Feet & North to South 15 feet, in all measuring 600 Sq.feet.			

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 21.02.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer.
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Canara Bank

A Government of India Undertaking
ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310181 – e-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the **ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of will be sold on **12.03.2026, "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

(₹. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Incremental value at the Bid
1.	**(1) Sri T N Ravindra (2) Smt. Mahalakshmi W/o Ravindra, Both are residing at:** 25, I B Layout, 60ft road, Near Gnanabhodini School, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru – 560059.	**Rs. 6,69,41,203.15 (Rupees Six Crores Sixty Nine Lakhs Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Three and Fifteen Paisa only)** plus further interest thereon from **01.02.2026** along with expenses, other charges, etc.	All that piece and parcel of Property in Western portion North side Property No 2/2 BBMP Khatha No 588/435/2/2, Nagadevanahalli Village , Kengeri Hobli Beangalore South Taluk Bangalore 560056 measuring 3232.75 Sq ft bounded on the North by Road and Others Property, South by Western portion of property no 2/2 Middle portion, East by eastern portion of Property no 2/2 and West by Property of Moogappa/Private layout	**12.03.2026 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs.98.19 EMD Rs 9,81,900/- on or before 11.03.2026**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**
2.	**(1) Sri M Pawan Kumar Reddy** S/o Mallela Nagi Reddy **(2) Smt. Latha Preethi** W/o Sri M Pawan Kumar Reddy **Both are residing at:** # 307/7, 23rd Cross, Near Yediyur Lake, 6th Block, Jayanagar Bangalore South- 560082.	**Rs. 7,18,17,398.65 (Rupees Seven crores eighteen lakhs seventeen thousand three hundred ninety eight Rupees and Sixty five paisa only)** plus further interest thereon from **01.02.2026** along with expenses, other charges, etc.	All that piece and parcel along with Land and Building bearing BDA Site No. 348, BBMP Municipal No.348, PID No.57-327-348, Situated at 9th Main Road, Dollars Colony, J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Municipal Ward No.57, Bangalore-560078. Measuring East to West 24.38 Meters, North to South 15.24 Meters, Admeasuring 371.55 Square meters or 4000 Sq.ft and Bounded on the: East by: Raod, West by: Site No.311, North by: Site No.347, South by: Site No.349. Owner of the Property: Mr.Pawan Kumar S/O M.Nagireddy & Mrs. Latha Preeti.	**12.03.2026 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs. 858.00 EMD Rs. 85.80 on or before 11.03.2026**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**
3.	**(1) Mr. Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem** S/o Abdul Kareem **(2) Mrs. Fathima Aqsa** W/o Altaf Hussain **Both are residing at:** No. 18/1, 6th Cross, 5th Main, R T Nagar, Rahmath Nagar, Bangalore-560032.	**Rs. 1,30,36,586.32 (Rupees One crore Thirty lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six and Thirty Two paisa only)** plus further interest thereon from **01.02.2026** along with expenses, other charges, etc.	All that piece and parcel of the house bearing New Municipal No. 3, earlier No.3/1, (Old No. 3) Eastern Portion, situated at 18th B cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, Bangalore-8, BBMP PID No.82-67-3,with 266 sq. ft. building in ground floor ,266 sq.ft. building in the first floor RCC Building with mosaic flooring and cement mortar wall ,doors and windows made of home wood and steel , measuring East to West 25 feet , North to South 20 feet ,totally measuring 500 sq.ft, Property in the name Mr. Altaf Hussain Abdul Kareem of and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Nanjappa's Property, North by: Kashinath's Property, South by : Nanjappa's Property.	**12.03.2026 01.00 PM to 03.00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs. 115.18 EMD Rs. 11.52 on or before 11.03.2026**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.**(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.**(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **11.03.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. **(i)** Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. **(iii)** Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000/-** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.(h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. (i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 20.02.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

57-year-old
Sikh man kidnapped from California's San Joaquin County

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Iran says draft N-deal to be ready in 2-3 days as Trump weighs limited strikes

TEHRAN/WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said he was considering a limited strike on Iran after ordering a major naval buildup in the Middle East aimed at heaping pressure on Tehran to cut a deal to curb its nuclear programme.

The latest threat came after Iran's foreign minister said a draft proposal for an agreement with Washington would be ready in a matter of days following negotiations between the two sides in Geneva earlier this week.

Trump had suggesting on Thursday that "bad things" would happen if Tehran did not strike a deal within 10 days, which he subsequently extended to 15.

US aircraft carrier USS Gerald Ford heading through the Strait of Gibraltar | AFP

Asked by a reporter on Friday whether he was contemplating a limited military strike, Trump answered: "The most I can say—I am considering it."

After the talks in Geneva, Tehran said the two sides had agreed to submit drafts of a potential agreement, which Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told US media would be the "next step". "I believe that in the next two, three days, that would be ready, and after final confirmation by my superiors, that would be handed over to Steve Witkoff," he said, referring to Trump's main Middle East negotiator.

Araghchi also said US negotiators had not requested that Tehran end its nuclear enrichment programme, contradicting statements from American officials. "The US side has not asked for zero enrichment," he said. His comments stand in contrast to information relayed by top US officials who has said Iran must not be allowed to enrich uranium at any level. *AFP*

Trump bristles at top court ruling, vows more tariffs

Supreme Court striking down tariffs marks Trump's biggest legal defeat since relection

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump vowed Friday to impose a 10 percent tariff on all imports into the United States after the Supreme Court handed him a stinging rebuke by striking down his signature economic policy.

He suggested that most trade deals negotiated under the threat of his tariffs remained valid, mentioning specifically India, despite the Supreme Court ruling those levies illegal.

"The India deal is on," Trump told reporters in response to a question, while suggesting tariffs under separate authorities would replace the ones overturned by the Supreme Court. "All the deals—we're just going to do it a different way."

He said he was ashamed of certain members of the Supreme Court. "I'm ashamed of certain members of the court, absolutely ashamed, for not having the courage to do what's right for our country," Trump told reporters.

He warned that he would use a separate authority to impose a uniform tariff of 10 percent—after he spent the past year imposing various rates spontaneously to cajole and punish other countries.

"In order to protect our country, a president can actually charge more tariffs than I was charging in the past," Trump said.

He also said it may take years to resolve the legal issue of whether some $133 billion taken in from his tariffs must be refunded. He said the issue was "not discussed" in the US Supreme Court's ruling declaring his global tariffs to be illegal, adding: "We'll end up being in court for the next five years."

> **Other alternatives will now be used to replace the ones that the court incorrectly rejected. In order to protect our country, a president can actually charge more tariffs than I was charging**
>
> Donald Trump

The ruling did not impact sector-specific duties Trump separately imposed on imports of steel, aluminum and various other goods. Several government probes which could lead to more sectoral tariffs remain in the works.

Still, it marked Trump's biggest defeat at the Supreme Court since returning to the White House last year.

The Supreme Court's three liberal justices joined three conservatives in Friday's ruling. Trump heaped praise on Brett Kavanaugh, the only justice he nominated who voted with him. Kavanaugh was joined in his dissent by fellow conservatives Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito. "The tariffs at issue here may or may not be wise policy. But as a matter of text, history, and precedent, they are clearly lawful," Kavanaugh wrote in the dissent. *AFP*

EU pushes for robust security guarantees for Ukraine

KRAKÓW

ANY peace deal between Ukraine and Russia needs to include "robust" security guarantees for Kyiv for it to work, major European powers warned on Friday.

The declaration, made by the defence ministers of Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Poland during a meeting in the Polish city of Krakow, comes as the United States forges on with efforts to broker an agreement between Moscow and Kyiv to halt fighting.

Negotiators from Ukraine and Russia held talks in Geneva on Tuesday and Wednesday but reached no breakthrough. The European defence ministers said their Ukrainian counterpart joined them for part of their meeting, in which they stressed their countries' continued support for Kyiv and backed efforts to end hostilities.

But they said, pointedly, that "ensuring the sovereignty and lasting security of Ukraine shall be an integral part of a peace agreement, and that any settlement will have to be backed up by robust security guarantees for Ukraine".

They underlined that "strong Ukrainian Armed Forces are the first security guarantee for a Ukraine in peace". Britain and France have taken the lead in preparing for a future deployment of a multinational force to help secure Ukraine during any agreed transition to peace.

French President Emmanuel Macron said in January his country could deploy "several thousand" troops to Ukraine.

On Friday in Krakow, French Defence Minister Catherine Vautrin told journalists that European security depended on "the establishment of a durable peace based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine". *AFP*

Gaza future: Hamas says Israel must end aggression

GAZA CITY

HAMAS said any discussions on Gaza must begin with a total halt to Israeli "aggression" as Donald Trump's "Board of Peace" maps out the territory's future, with Israel insisting on the militants' disarmament before reconstruction starts.

Trump's board met for its inaugural session in Washington on Thursday, with a number of countries pledging money and personnel for rebuilding, more than four months into a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

But the board meeting offered no timeline for Hamas to lay down its weapons or for Israel's army to withdraw from the shattered enclave.

"Any political process or any arrangement under discussion concerning the Gaza Strip and the future of our Palestinian people must start with the total halt of aggression," Hamas said in a statement late Thursday.

The Palestinian group also said arrangements for Gaza's future must start with the "lifting of the blockade, and the guarantee of our people's legitimate national rights, first and foremost their right to freedom and self-determination".

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted that Hamas must disarm before any reconstruction begins. The Israeli leader did not attend the Washington meeting but was represented by his foreign minister Gideon Saar. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Sri.**Jaganatha H R S/O Ramakrishnappa,** residing at #46/47, Sapthagiri Nivasa, Begur Main Road, 20th Main Road, 16th 'E' Cross, New MICO Layout,Bangalore, Karnataka-560068, My client are willing to purchase the property by the present property owner Mr.Sreekanth Reddy Mekala F/O M Balaji Reddy, Registered Sale Deed Document No.JAY-1-03639-2014-15, dated: 14-08-2014, my client further states that any disputes his ownership or possession of the schedule property member of the public are hereby notified that if anyone having any adverse claim in respect of the said property hereby advised to place their claim with appropriate written evidence. please note that claims received without written evidence **within 7 Days** from the date of publication of this notice there after will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.64, Khatha No.194/64, BBMP Katha No. 548/64/194, Presently E-Katha PID No.6569643995, Property No. 548/64/194. Situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 192, Measuring: East to West: 60 Feet & North to South:40 in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft, and bounded on the : **East by:** Site No.65, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.77.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
 # 1479. DRLS PLAZA.
UNION BANK BUILDING. T DASARAHALLI,
Bengaluru-560057. Mob No. 9060950265.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **SRI. VIKAS B RAMANI** S/o Bharat A Patel, aged about 41 years R/at. No.414, 1st cross, Near widia school Bus stop, Baghalakunte, Havanur Badavane, Bangalore-560073 had negotiated to purchase the Schedule property from **SRI. PRABHAKAR T.R.** S/o Late. T.R. Ramaswamy and his Children's by name **Smt. Madushree.T.P and Sri. Manojshasthri T.P.** all are R/at Thyamagondlu Amanikere, Kenara Bank Road, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk Any person/s claiming any manner of right, title, and interest over the schedule property called upon to lodge such claim/s or objection with the under signed in writing with supporting documents with in **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication. If no such objection or claims are received within the set period failing which my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property same as "Free from claims of whatsoever manner and no claims shall be entrained later.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Sy.No.91/1, measuring 1-08 (one acre eight) guntas situated at Karehalli village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, and bounded on the :

East by : Road and Doddabele Border; **West by :** Land belongs to Naganna; **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.91/2 belongs to Jagadeesh; **South by :** Land bearing Sy.No.91/3 belongs to Narasimhaiah S/o Hanumaiah.

V.L. RAGHU., Advocate
No. 792/1, 1st Floor, C.M. Nivas,
T. Dasarahalli, Tumkur Road,
Bangalore-560 057, Mob:9980311276
Place: Bangalore, Date: 19-02-2026

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2
4th Floor, Telephone House
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru -560 001

O.A. No. 458 of 2023

State Bank of India
V/s.
M/s. L V H Energy Pvt. Ltd & Others

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
1. M/s. LVH Energy Pvt. Ltd.,
Regd. Office: No. CS39, Ittina Neela Apartment, Near Gold Coin Club, Electronic City, Bangalore- 560 100.
Plant /Factory & Administrative Office at No. 179/2 (2) Sampige Nagar, Off: Huskur Gate, Electronic City Post, Bangalore - 560 100.
Also at: No. 48/a/153/2-2, 2nd Floor, 3rd Stage 5th Main Road, Prakashnagar, Bangalore - 560 010.
3. Mr. Arvind L. H., S/o. H. L. Venkataramana, No. CS39, Ittina Neela Apartment, Near Gold Coin Club, Electronic City, Bangalore- 560 100. **....Defendants**

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application/interloctory application under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,97,63,285/-** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authrised agent in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **30.03.2026 at 10.30 AM** (forenoon) as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **04.02.2026.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 ,
at Bangalore.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II
BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House,
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

TRC No. 2369/17 FORM NO 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))

Union Bank of India
Shanthinagar Branch, Bangalore-560027.
...Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri T.M. Shantharamaian & Others

DEMAND NOTICE

1) Sri T.M. Shantharamaian
S/o Sri Muniyappa, R/a No. 8/1, 3rd Temple road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.
2) Sri Rajanna S/o Sri Mudalappa,
R/a No. 108, First Floor, II Cross, Laggere Main Road, Bangalore.
...Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No 278/2007** passed by the Presiding Officer DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs. 19,96,620/-(RupeesNineteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of O.A. till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of the notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal, on this **4th day of August 2017.**

Sd/-
Recovery Officer-I
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II,
Bengaluru

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EXPRESS READ

S'pore to ease Nipah monitoring from Feb 2

Singapore: Singapore will progressively ease some Nipah virus related public health measures starting February 23 as no cases have been reported in the city-state after the outbreak in India and Bangladesh, the government said Friday. The Communicable Diseases Agency (CDA) here in January last week said it was "closely monitoring the outbreak of Nipah virus infection (NiV) in West Bengal; started temperature screening for travellers arriving on flights from areas where Nipah virus outbreak had been reported.

Landslides that kill 7 in southern Philippines

Manila: Torrential rains set off two landslides that killed seven people and floods that displaced more than 3,000 villagers in the southeastern Philippines, officials said Friday. A boulder-laden landslide buried a house and killed a couple and their two daughters Friday in the coastal city of Mati in Davao Oriental province, disaster-response and provincial officials said. Rescuers used earth-moving equipment to retrieve the bodies, according to Ednar Dayanghirang, regional director of the Office of Civil Defence.

OBAMA'S REMARK ON ALIENS

In a post on his social media platform on Thursday night, Trump said he was ordering government agencies to release files on "alien and extraterrestrial life, unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), and unidentified flying objects (UFOs)", along with any other related information

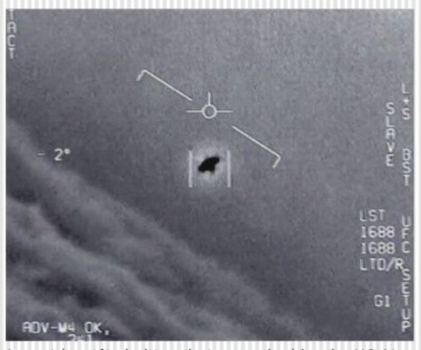
Trump announced it on social media hours after accusing former President Barack Obama of revealing "classified information" by suggesting in a recent podcast interview that aliens were real

DON DIRECTS PENTAGON TO RELEASE UFO FILES

US President Donald Trump said Thursday that he's directing the Pentagon and other government agencies to identify and release files related to extraterrestrials and UFOs because of "tremendous interest"

GROWING PUBLIC INTEREST

2017: Public interest in UFOs resurfaced after former Pentagon and government officials leaked Navy footage of unidentified objects to *The New York Times*. The revelations fuelled speculation about possible government secrets on extraterrestrial life



An unidentified object being tracked by the US Air Force | PENTAGON

May, 2022: Congress held its first UFO hearings in 50 years. Officials said objects seen as green triangles above a Navy ship were likely drones. The Pentagon promised greater transparency

July, 2022: The Pentagon set up the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) to collect and investigate military UFO reports, replacing an earlier task force

2023: Dr Sean Kirkpatrick, then head of AARO, said there was no evidence of any programme to reverse-engineer extraterrestrial craft

June, 2024: An unclassified report to Congress said there had been 485 new reports of unidentified phenomena in the previous year

N Korean leader vows to boost living standards in landmark party summit

SEOUL

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed to lift living standards as he opened a landmark congress, state media said Friday, offering a glimpse of economic strains within the sanctions-hit nation.

Supreme Leader Kim took centre stage with a speech to start the Workers' Party congress, a gathering that directs state efforts on everything from house building to war planning.

Held just once every five years, the days-long congress offers a rare glimpse into the workings of a nation where even mundane details are shrouded in secrecy.

"Today, our party is faced with heavy and urgent historic tasks of boosting economic construction and the people's standard of living and transforming all realms of state and social life as early as possible," Kim said.

"This requires us to wage a more active and persistent struggle without allowing even a moment's standstill or stagnation."

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un delivers a speech during the ruling Workers' Party Congress in Pyongyang on Thursday | AP

For decades, nuclear weapons and military prowess came before everything else in North Korea, even as food stocks dried up and famine took hold.

But since assuming power in 2011, Kim has stressed the need to also fortify the impoverished nation's economy.

At the last party congress in 2021, Kim made an extremely rare admission that mistakes had been made in "almost all areas" of economic development. Analysts believe such language is designed to head off public discontent stirred by food shortages, military spending, and North Korea's continued support for Russia's war effort in Ukraine.

Kim said North Korea had overcome its "worst difficulties" in the last five years, and was now entering a new stage of "optimism and confidence in the future". *AFP*

Co-founder of UK fashion giant falls from 17th floor, dies

LONDON

A British co-founder of online fast fashion retail giant ASOS has died in Thailand after falling from a high-rise balcony, police said on Friday.

Quentin Griffiths, 58, fell from the 17th floor of an apartment building in the seaside resort city of Pattaya on February 9, local law enforcement told AFP. "The motive is still being investigated," said police officer Kosala Ngamphong.

Griffiths had entered Thailand on a tourist visa, and the British embassy had been informed of his death, the officer added. Griffiths was a joint founder of ASOS in 2000, when the website retailed imitations of clothing worn in movies and on TV —its acronym name standing for "As Seen On Screen". The firm evolved into a titan of the online fashion industry, selling established brands as well as its own low-cost line of garments with next-day delivery. *AFP*

Government of India
Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
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E-TENDER NOTICE Dated : 19-02-2026

On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through **e-tendering** for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Works [Civil Work - Sl.no: 01 & 02: Air Conditioning Work - Sl.no: 03: Composite Work - Sl.no: 04]	Estimated Cost ₹ (in Lakhs)	Period of completion	EMD(₹)
1	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-173/MA/CPH-75/2025-26			
	Maintenance works of Aluminium and wooden joineries, Replacement of damaged / broken glasses, false ceilings, floor sheets, hardware fittings, sun control films etc., at various buildings / facilities in Group A & Group D areas and also in CISF / Essential Staff Housing Colony, IPRC, Mahendragiri.(Civil work)	89.69	24 (Twenty Four months)	1,79,400
2	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-176/MI/CPH-77/2025-26			
	Resurfacing and widening of existing bituminous road, storm water drain and allied civil works adjacent to new CUS building at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (Civil work)	23.24	02 (Two months)	46,500
3	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-177/MI/AC-05/2025-26			
	Providing cold air feeding unit in Engine bay of SIET at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (AC Work)	14.56	03 (Three months)	29,200
4	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-174/MW/CMP-07/2025-26			
	Construction of Distribution Canteen near at Group A area at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (Civil, PH & Electrical works)	49.32	06 (Six months)	98,700

Dates for Online Request : From 21-02-2026 [1000 hours]	To: 02-03-2026 [2330 hours] [for s.no:1 to 3 only]
	To: 06-03-2026 [2330 hours] [for s.no: 4 only]
Due Time & Date of Submission :	05-03-2026 [1000 hours] [for s.no: 1 to 3 only]
	17-03-2026 [1400 hours] [for s.no: 4 only]

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Note : All future correspondence (Corrigenda) for the above work(s) shall be published only on the websites mentioned above.

GROUP HEAD, CMG, IPRC.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
316.57	Sensex	82,814.7	₹880	24 carat (10 gm)	₹157,520	1 kg	₹270,000		Dollar	90.95	
116.90	Nifty	25,571.25	₹800	22 carat (10 gm)	₹144,400	10 gm	₹2,700		Euro	106.90	

So far investment commitments have crossed $250 billion for infra-related areas and about $20 billion for venture capital and deep-tech, says Vaishnaw

Over 80 nations expected to sign Delhi Declaration

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Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at the AI Impact Summit on Friday | SHEKHAR YADAV

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

OVER 80 countries are likely to sign the Delhi Declaration at the India AI Impact Summit 2026, Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Friday.

Addressing the media, the minister said that more than 70 countries have already signed the declaration and the number could cross 80 by Saturday, the last day of the summit. The final draft will be released on Saturday along with the full list of signatories. Meanwhile, official sources said that the UK and the United States have also signed the declaration.

"I would also like to share with you that the action summit, the previous one, had nearly 60 signatories in the final declaration. We have already crossed 70. We believe that it will cross 80. All the major countries have already signed," Vaishnaw said at the summit.

The minister also said that investments have poured in during the summit, and so far commitments have crossed $250 billion for infrastructure-related investments and about $20 billion for venture capital and deep-tech commitments.

"We also have a lot of investment pledges... I think the number is growing each day. So it has already crossed $250 billion for the infra related investments and for the $20 billion for venture capital and deep tech commitments. Investments which have been committed by investors.

This is a very important sign for us. The numbers are important, but what is important is that the world has confidence in India's role," Vaishnaw added.

The minister added that the AI Impact Summit has been a grand success on multiple fronts. He said that over five lakh visitors attended the exhibition. He said that major artificial intelligence industry leaders stood on the same stage and reached a consensus on establishing artificial intelligence guardrails. He further said that the government will soon begin work on the AI Mission 2.0, which will be bigger than AI Mission 1.0.

"Many of the goals we had set for ourselves in mission 1.0 are on the verge of getting completed and many of them have actually exceeded. We wanted about 10,000 GP U's. We have 38,000 already and another 20,000 very soon going to be launched," Vaishnaw said.

AI Mission 2.0 soon

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AI IMPACT SUMMIT भारत 2026 INDIA

AI-biological intelligence can transform healthcare

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BIOCON chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw on Friday said the convergence of biological intelligence and artificial intelligence (AI) can enable breakthroughs in predictive healthcare, regenerative science and lifespan management.

Mazumdar-Shaw said biological systems function like distributed data centres, processing information with minimal energy compared to gigawatt-powered AI systems.

"Biology has a lot to teach AI in terms of how to do it with less energy, how to do it rapidly, and how to multiplex multimodal data very quickly," Mazumdar-Shaw said. She described reprogramming cells - such as converting malignant cancer cells into non-malignant ones as the 'holy grail' of medicine. She said AI could accelerate regenerative science and help shift healthcare from hospital-centric models to predictive and preventive community care. Highlighting the importance of generational learning embedded in DNA, she cited examples such as migratory birds with navigational intelligence. On data sharing, Mazumdar-Shaw said reluctance to share information globally has created silos, but India's open digital public infrastructure offers a unique advantage.

Airtel, Zscaler to launch AI, cyber research centre in India

Telecom service provider Bharti Airtel on Friday announced a partnership with Zscaler to launch the AI & Cyber Threat Research Centre in India to strengthen cyber defenses amid rising AI-driven threats.

The companies, in a statement, said the centre will focus on protecting key sectors such as telecommunications, banking, energy, and other essential digital infrastructure, while accelerating adoption of trusted AI technologies across the country's rapidly expanding digital ecosystem.

'India must make hardware locally to reduce dependence on other countries'

NETWEB Technologies India, which has launched 'Make in India' Tyrone Camarero GB200 AI Supercomputer Powered by NVIDIA Sovereign AI Development, along with a petascale personal AI system Tyrone Camarero Spark at the India AI Impact Summit on February 18, has so far installed more than 600 supercomputers across India. **Sanjay Lodha**, chairman and MD of Netweb Technologies India, in an interaction with **Rakesh Kumar** talks about the company's latest innovations, India's AI momentum, and the importance of technological sovereignty. Edited **excerpts**:

What solutions is Netweb showcasing at the India AI Impact Summit 2026?

We are showcasing a range of advanced solutions from Netweb Technologies, a company that designs and manufactures supercomputers in India. In fact, we were among the first companies in the country to begin designing and manufacturing supercomputers. Today, we have installed more than 600 supercomputers across India.

Technology is evolving rapidly, especially on the GPU front, where AI is gaining momentum. At Netweb, we operate across three key areas: supercomputing, private cloud and hyper-converged infrastructure (HCI), and artificial intelligence (AI). We build and manufacture a complete AI ecosystem in India. We are one of NVIDIA's top-tier OEM partners. We design our hardware, manufacture it locally, architect the systems, and develop the software layer on top.

At this summit, we are showcasing the GB200 Grace Blackwell Superchip, NVIDIA's latest-generation chipset, integrated into a fully "Make in India" liquid-cooled system. We are also working with the B100 and B200 GPUs. All the latest NVIDIA GPUs are available in India through Netweb and are manufactured locally as part of our integrated solutions.

You mentioned 3 key business segments. Can you elaborate them?

Over the 20 years, we have contributed to several major projects, including systems under the PARAM series and large installations for institutions like the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre. We have also built India's fastest AI supercomputer.

In private cloud and hyper-converged infrastructure (HCI), we serve enterprises and data centres. The era of bare-metal infrastructure is fading, with enterprises increasingly shifting toward private cloud environments. We have been active in this segment for over a decade and have established a strong presence in the market.

In AI, we bring over 15 years of experience, built on our supercomputing foundation. AI workloads need high-performance computing infrastructure. It is important that India doesn't become merely a destination for imported hardware. Technological sovereignty is key. That is why we focus on designing and manufacturing systems in India. Sovereignty — both in hardware and software—has become increasingly important in today's geopolitical environment.

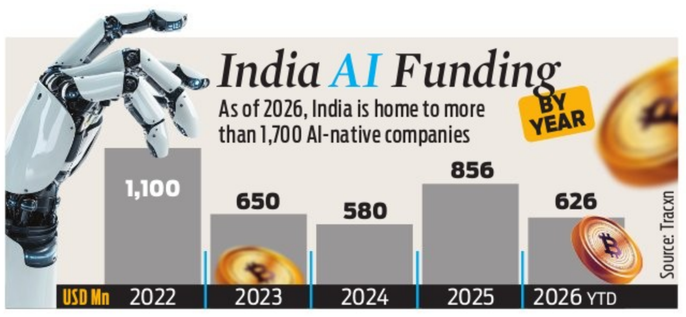
Where does India stand in terms of AI development?

India is at the forefront of AI development. Under the vision of Narendra Modi, initiatives such as the India AI Mission are creating strong momentum. The AI Impact Summit itself reflects this commitment.

For example, the GB200 chipset from NVIDIA is now being integrated into systems manufactured in India. We are not lagging in hardware integration and system manufacturing. On the software side, India has always been strong. The Government of India is investing significantly through the India AI Mission to provide GPU compute infrastructure to LLM developers and startups.

How do you see US-India trade deal impacting technology providers in India?

AI system manufacturing is largely insulated from trade deals because we are focused on domestic manufacturing and value addition. However, sovereignty remains the most important factor.



SOVEREIGN AI SECTOR RAISES $5.5 BN AS OF '26

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S sovereign AI sector has raised more than $5.5 billion across over 1,700 firms, according to a new report by Tracxn. The report, India and the Sovereign AI Shift, examines how the country is building its own artificial intelligence capabilities while staying connected to the global market.

As of 2026, India is home to more than 1,700 AI-native companies. Together, they have raised around $5.5 billion in equity funding. These companies work across enterprise software, consumer platforms, sector-specific tools and AI infrastructure.

AI investment in India reached a high of $1.1 billion in 2022. Funding slowed in 2023 and 2024 in line with a global venture capital slowdown. It recovered to $856 million in 2025 and has already touched $626 million in 2026 so far.

A key driver of this shift is the ₹10,372 crore IndiaAI Mission. The programme has allocated GPU computing power to 12 companies building foundational and specialised AI models. This move lowers the cost of training large-scale AI systems within the country. Public disclosures show that domestic AI models now range from 2.9 billion to 105 billion parameters. Some use mixture-of-experts designs to improve efficiency. For example, Sarvam AI has received 4,096 NVIDIA H100 GPUs along with about ₹99 crore in compute subsidies.

Large infrastructure funding rounds are also emerging. Neysa AI raised $600 million at an enterprise valuation of around $1.4 billion, reflecting growing interest in AI cloud and GPU-backed infrastructure. Globally, AI funding has crossed $473 billion.

EXPRESS READ

State Bank in talks with Japanese banks for tie-up

MUMBAI: The country's largest lender State Bank of India is in talks with Japanese banks for collaboration in acquisition financing, RBI chairman CS Setty has said. The bank has a war chest of ₹94,000 crore for this, the chairman said, adding "the bank will be going to board soon for sops, pricing etc.." *ENS*

SBI MF to file for IPO next month, list in Sept

MUMBAI: The country's largest asset management company (AMC) SBI Mutual Fund is likely to file draft red herring prospectus for IPO with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) by March, and the whole process of listing will be completed by September, SBI chairman CS Setty said on Friday. *ENS*

Livspace cuts 1k jobs as it shifts to AI-led model

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

KKR-backed home interior platform Livspace has laid off at least 1,000 employees, nearly 12% of its workforce, in the last six months, as it moves to replace several manual roles with artificial intelligence systems.

The Bengaluru-based company earlier had about 8,000 employees. The job cuts have affected teams across design, sales, operations and marketing. A company spokesperson confirmed the changes, saying, "At Livspace, we've always been a technology-first company. As we look at the next phase of our growth, we are reorganising our internal operations to become an AI-native agentic organisation." The spokesperson added, "This hasn't been a sudden, singular event. Rather, it has been a measured, phased transition involving nearly 12% of our workforce."

Alongside the workforce realignment, co-founder Saurabh Jain has stepped down after 11 years with the company. "Saurabh has been a cornerstone of Livspace since day one and was absolutely instrumental in scaling the company to its current heights," the spokesperson said.

RBI sells net $10.02 billion in Dec to curb rupee volatility

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sold a net $10.02 billion in the foreign exchange market in December to contain volatility in the rupee, according to data released in the central bank's monthly bulletin on Friday.

As per the bulletin, the RBI purchased $18.33 billion and sold $28.35 billion during the month. The net sale was over 3% higher than in November, when the RBI had sold a net $9.7 billion in the market. The rupee fell to a then record low of 91.0750 on December 16, pressured by concerns over a trade stalemate with the US and persistent foreign portfolio outflows. "Rupee depreciated against the US dollar in January in the wake of foreign portfolio outflows and uncertainty surrounding the India-US trade deal. In February, with net foreign portfolio flows turning positive, the INR recovered from its January lows," the RBI said in its bulletin.

The currency fell about 0.4% in December and extended its fall beyond the 91 mark in January, before rebounding following the announcement of a U.S.-India trade deal in early February.

The RBI's net outstanding forward dollar sales stood at $62.35 billion at December-end, as against $66.04 billion at the end of November and $67.94 billion in December 2024. The RBI intervenes in both the spot and forward markets to manage excessive exchange rate volatility.

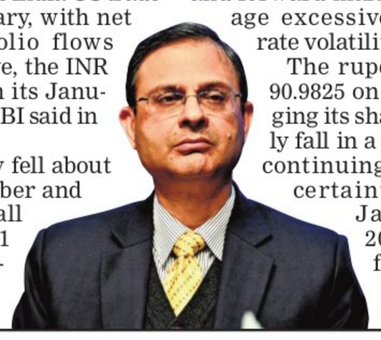
The rupee closed at 90.9825 on Friday, logging its sharpest weekly fall in a month amid continuing global uncertainties. As of January 30, 2026, India's forex reserves stood at $723.8 billion, providing an import cover of over 11 months, the RBI bulletin noted.

Meanwhile, the forex reserves have climbed to a new record in the week to February 13, rising by $8.663 billion to $725.727 billion, the RBI has said. The latest increase follows a decline of $6.711 billion in the previous reporting week, when the reserves slipped to $717.064 billion. The earlier peak of $723.774 billion was recorded in the week to January 30.

A major contributor to the rise is the spike in the foreign currency assets, which form the largest portion of the reserves. These increased by $3.55 billion to $573.603 billion during the week, according to the RBI data released Friday.

Budget, trade deals to boost growth: RBI

RESERVE Bank governor Sanjay Malhotra, who chairs the rate-setting panel MPC, on Friday said despite global investors remaining nervous and financial markets volatile the domestic growth drivers are firing from almost all cylinders. He said the growth outlook remains robust with benign inflation and the growth supportive budget, along with the trade deals. The minutes of the February 4-6 monetary policy meeting, released by the RBI on Friday, left the repo rate unchanged in a unanimous vote and also maintained the policy stance neutral, though the external member Ram Singh wanted it to be accommodative.



Govt takes 7 measures under EPM for MSMEs

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

COMMERCE Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday unveiled seven interventions under ₹25,060 crore Export Promotion Mission (EPM) that aims to lower financing costs, wider access to trade credit and help small and medium exporters to better tap overseas markets. With this launch, India operationalises 10 out of 11 sub-schemes of EPM.

These interventions include measures — ranging from export factoring and e-commerce credit lines to freight rebates and compliance support — aimed at minimising structural barriers for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). According to the commerce ministry, the package has been designed to ease working-capital pressures and smooth entry into new markets, particularly as India deepens trade ties with advanced economies.

"This is going to set the platform on which we will see rapid and inclusive growth for India and all Indians. This will provide opportunities to our young men and women," said Goyal. The minister said the 1st tranche of the bilateral trade agreement (BTA) between India and the US is likely to get implemented by April 2026. The formal agreement is likely to be signed virtually by mid-March.

Ola Electric's valuation erodes by ₹57,000 crore

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

OLA Electric Mobility, led by entrepreneur Bhavish Aggarwal, has become one of India's biggest public market wealth destroyers lately. The EV company has wiped out ₹57,000 crore from its peak market cap as shares plunge to fresh lows in every session.

When its shares peaked at ₹157.53 on August 20, 2024 (weeks after listing), its valuation rose to nearly ₹69,000 crore. But a rout in share prices and mounting losses has since slashed m-cap to below ₹12,000 crore. The shares hit another all-time low of ₹26.34 on Friday and closed 3.5% lower at ₹26.58. At close, m-cap stood at ₹11,724 crore. The fresh fall came amid reports that the company is planning a major scale-down of its physical retail footprint in response to cooling demand.

In the past six months, the stock has fallen over 50% and from its all-time peak, it is now down by over 83%. The ongoing weakness in shares can be attributed to falling sales, a sharp fall in market share, CEO and founder Aggarwal reducing stake and brokerages cutting share price target after weak Q3.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that our client **Regina Williams W/o Mr Victor Williams**, R/at : No.33/152, 3rd Cross, B.M.Kaval, Binamangala Bangalore, had lost her original sale deed dated 24-03-1980 registered vide document no 7747/1979-80 pages no 162-164, volume 1484 of Book 1, registered before the Sub-registrar Bangalore South Taluk, executed between D.Rangadhamalu Naidu and T.Sreedhar, all the piece and parcel of Residential Immovable property bearing Old Muncipal No 33, New Number 152-33, having E-Khaata No. 4916507216, B.B.M.P Ward No 79(G.B.A), situated at B.M.Kaval, 3rd Cross, Binnamangala, Near Swami Vivekananda Metro Station, Bangalore-560038. measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 45 Feet, total 1350 Sq Feet, together with the construction standing thereon measuring 1800 Sq Feet bounded on :- East by :Property No 151, West By :Property NO 153, North by :30 Feet Road, South By :Property No 125, and an unregistered General power of Attorney executed between Gilbert Thomas Cutinho and Mr Ronaldo Lobo dated 01-09-1992 with respect to purchase of the properties in Bangalore. **Our client had also lodged a police complaint- Lost Report no 2069490/2026 dated 18-02-2026** and in the event if anybody found the same, the same may be handed over to the undersigned or our client **within 15 days** and they will be honoured suitably and on the other hand if anybody transacts with the founder of the said document and got involved in creation of any types of documents or transactions, our client will initiate necessary legal action against all of them who were involved in such transactions in respect of the aforesaid property.

DEEPAK J, Advocate and Associates
No 115,1st Floor, S.S.B.Mutt Opp to Metro Pillar No 98, C.M.H.Road, Bangalore-560008

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Mr.Muheeb Khan is intending to purchase and mortgage the schedule property with Piramal Finance Limited.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE :

All that Piece and Parcel of Property bearing Site No.10, in Survey No.43/2, E-PID No.1089739193, Property No.6347/43/2/10, Situated at Venkoji Rao Khane, Bommanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes under BBMP, Honga sandra Ward No.189, Corporation No.43/2/10, 6th Cross, Bilal Masjid Road Madina Nagara, VenkojiRaoKhane, Bommanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Banglore, Measuring 35x48ft. and bounded on the East by: Site No.11, West By: 25 Feet Road, North by: 20 Feet Road, South by: Private Property.

V.L. Associates Advocates
No.56, Out house, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 20.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri. Narayana Swamy N.**, residing at **No. 599, Lakshmi Clinic Building, Chokkasandra Main Road, T. Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru - 560057**, is the absolute owner and in lawful possession of the schedule property by virtue of a **Gift Deed bearing Document No. PNY-1-04132-2020-21**, stored in **CD No. PNYD1171**, registered in the office of the **Sub-Registrar, Peenya**, on **18-11-2020.** My client is now proposing to avail a **loan from TATA CAPITAL** on the security of the said schedule property. Therefore, **any person or persons**, having any **objection, claim, right, title, interest, charge, lien, or encumbrance** of whatsoever nature over the said property, are hereby called upon to submit their objections or claims **in writing along with supporting documents** to the undersigned **within seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no such objections or claims are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that **there are no claims or objections**, and my client shall proceed with availing the loan from **TATA CAPITAL**. Any objections received **after the stipulated time shall not be considered.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property No. 21/6B, Assessement No. 21/6B, EPID No. 4292470934 Ward No.39, which comes under the jurisdiction of BMP Dasarahalli Ward no. 39'B Namunee No. 10995, situated at Yeshvanthpura Hobli, Dasanapura Village, Bangaluru North Taluk, presently comes under BBMP. B Namene Sl. No. 10995, site measuring East to west: 91 feet and North to South: 30 feet in all measuring 2,730Sq.Ftand bounded on **East By:** Road, **West By:** Mahimappa's Property, **North By:** Chikkagangappa's Property, **South By:** Muniyappa and Manjappa's Property.

Veena Rani J S, Advocate
No. 118, 2nd Main F Cross, K K Halli, Bangalore-560084.
Mob No. 7975456619, 9535278594
Email.id. Veenaraniadvocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned hereby inform the General Public, Banking Institutions, Authorities, Legal Persons etc., that our client Sri. G. Sethupathy, S/o G. Govardhanam, Having address at No. 70, 9th Cross, Maruthi Layout, Lakshmipura Main Road, Abbigere, Bangalore-560090, is intended to purchase the Site Nos. 14 & 15, both situated at Doddakurugodu Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District (Formed in Sy. No. 88/5 and 88/6 of Doddakurugodu Village) both from one Sri. Shaik Nayazulla, S/o Haron Sahab, Residing at No 161, Old Post Office Road, Near Ganesh Temple, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 for valuable Sale Consideration.

If there are any claims, interests, rights or possession of any third person in the above said sites, please do inform the undersigned Advocate within 7 days from the date of this public notice along with supporting documents and proofs.

If there is no such objection come forward, our client will proceed to purchase the above said two sites under the Registered Sale Deeds, thereafter any of such claims or disputes will not be entertained and our client is not responsible for any kinds of such claims of any persons. This is the opportunity to the General Public to inform about any kinds of claims or interests in respect of the above said sites.

Vishnu Hegde,
M/s Lex Scientia, Advocates
No.137, 7th Main, A Cross, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029
Date: 20.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are pleased to announce the merger shifting of our **SBI B.K. Circle, Kothanur (41003) branch** to more convenient and spacious location with effect from 16.03.2026.

The new address is **SBI J.P. Nagar 8th Phase (21968), No. 3, Byrappa Circle, Jambu Savari Dinne, Gottigere Main Road, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 083. Our Telephone Numbers are: 73497 71888 (Renuka), 73533 11522 (Viplove Vikas Minz)**

We also advice that locker services may be interrupted from 16.03.2026 to 21.03.2026, due to transport and re-installation of the lockers at the new premises. If you intend to remove the contents of your locker, kindly do so at least **7 days** before the date of shifting to avoid last minute rush. Also you have the option to change or close the facility. We look forward to serving you better from the new location.

Sd/- (Branch Manager)
Attested by me: **M. PRABHAKAR**
Advocate & Notary
No. 13, 3rd Cross, Azad Nagar, Bangalore - 560 018.

IN THE COURT OF THE 1ST ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE OF CHITTOOR, A.P
O.S. No. 15 of 2024

Between
G.Ramamurthy Naidu ..Plaintiff
And
G. Dhanjaya Naidu & others ...Defendants

PUBLIC NOTICE THAT NOT TO SALE / VOID OF SALE

To
The General Public
Sirs/Madams,

Please take notice that the plaintiff in O.S. No. 15 of 2024 filed a case against the following schedule properties.Hence,there is any sale in those properties are void.

SCHEDULE

I. Karnataka- Bangalore South Taluk- Kengeri Hobli-Mylasandra Village-Sy. No. 25/4-Vacant site - E to W-62.6 Ft and N to S- 90 ft measuring 5625 sq.ft bounded by East:J.S.S.Compound,West: 30 ft, North:Site No. 2, South:Site No. 5

2. Karnataka- Bangalore Urban District-Sajapura Hobli-Chembanahalli Village- Anekal Taluk- Sy. No. 90/1- 38 guntas Vacant site situated within the following boundaries East: Land in Sy. No. 90/2,West: remaining land in Sy. No.90/1, North Road. South: Yadamari Gadi

(V. MOHAN RAMI REDDI)
Advocate,Chittoor
Place: Chittoor. Date:20.02.2026

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.H. DIVISION KORAPUT

Behind State Bank of India Koraput,
Telephone-cum-Fax-06852-250740, Email ID:-eephkrp@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
e-procurement Notice for 2025-26

13001/338/2526 **1st Corrigendum**

Modification of Bid Identification **No.SE,P.H.KPT-15 of 2025-26 Dt.06.02.2026**
Modification of date extension of work as follows :
Critical Dates:-

Sl. No.	Description	Critical Dates
(i)	Period of availability of tenders on-line :	From 11.00 Hrs. of 25.02.2026 to 17.00 Hrs. of 09.03.2026
(ii)	Last date & time of bidding on-line:	17.00 Hrs. of 09.03.2026
(iii)	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid :	11.00 Hrs. of 10.03.2026

All other terms & condition of DTCN shall remain unchanged. **Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- (Er. Chiranjibi Mahali), Superintending Engineer,
OIPR- 13001/13008/1/25-26/0002 P.H. Division, Koraput

Governor of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Davanagere

ಸಂ:ಕಾಪಾಇಂ/ಪಂರಾಇಂ/ವಿ/ದಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025-26/2714
ದಿನಾಂಕ:-19/02/2026

Tender Invited (KPPP Portal)

Executive Engineer, Panchayath raj Engineering Division, Davanagere here by invited tender from PWD Registered contractors for the item rates through KPPP Portal. There are 02 works have been called, standard of tender documents KW-2 & KW-4 for price cost Rs. 20.11 to 368.86 lakhs respectively and also highest & lowest EMD has as per KPPP portal for each work. Nature of work is Roads, Drians and Buildings. The last date for submission of tender bid is on. date: 02/03/2026 04.00 PM for any office information/clarification please contact the below singed office Ph no:08192-250156 and also search website for www.KPPP.karnataka.gov.in

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿಐಪಿ/764/ Sd/- Executive Engineer
ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025-26 P.R.E. Division, Davanagere

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India

DODDABELAVANGALA BRANCH (00912)
Vinutha Nilaya, Doddbelavangala, Bengaluru - 561204
Phone : +91-9653200912, email : ubin0900915@unionbankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India, Doddabelavangala Branch (00912) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **20.11.2025** calling upon the **Borrower: 1. (a) Mr. Purushotham L N S/o H Narayanappa,** No 50, Lakshmi Devipura, Hadonahalli Post, Doddaballapur Taluk, Karnataka-561205, **2. Guarantor (a) Mr. C Srinivas S/o Chikkanna,** No. 125, 7th Ward, Dargapura, Khasbag, Doddaballapur, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka 561203, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.1,55,28,995.00 (Rupees One Crore Fifty Five Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Five Only)** and interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 17th day of February 2026.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, Doddabelavangala Branch (00912) for an amount **Rs.1,58,28,522/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Two Only)** and further interest/charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Mortgage of immovable property described herein below: All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Sy. No. 47/2, situated at Dargapura, Khasbag, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, measuring 0.12.06.6 Guntas (13,517 Sq. ft) with two storied residential building thereon and bounded as follows: **East:** Road and House **West:** Property of C Srinivas, **North:** Property of C Srinivas, **South:** Road.

Date: 17.02.2026 **Sd/- Chief Manager/ Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Union Bank of India**

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Union Bank of India

St Johns Church Road Branch, No 13, ICON Building, Cleveland Town Bangalore 560005
Contact :8928444964, Email :UBIN0558923@unionbankofindia.bank

DEMAND NOTICE [Section 13(2)]

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, St Johns Church Road Branch,** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2)of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s /Legal heirs of borrowers to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower/Mortgagor: Mr. Rohan Sadashiv Shetty, No 594/A Flat No G 1, Sai Apartment , Near Trikoni Garden, Sangli, Maharashtra 416416, **Also at** : No 68/1, 158, Malathalli Ullala Main Road, Mangalore College Back Side, Bangalore 560056, **Also at** : Room No.244, Block A, Building Near Ritaj, Near Dunes Village, Dubai Investment Park 2, Dubai,UAE, **ii)Mr. Rishabh Sadashiv Shetty**, Srinivas T, No 68/1, 158/1, Jnanajyothinagara, Back side Mangalore PU College, Mallathahalli, PO:Ullaalu Upanagara, Bangalore 560056.

Total Liability as on **13.02.2026 Rs.1,96,26,192.36** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Six Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Twoand Paise Thirty Six Only)

Date of NPA: 13.02.2026 **Demand Notice Date:16.02.2026**

Description of the Property

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing New Municipal No. 67 Portion of converted land bearing Survey No 67, vide duly Order Bo. B Dis. ALN. SR (S) 208/89-90. Dated 18-12-1991. Issued by special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Bangalore now within the limits of BBMP. Ward Name Rajarajeshwarinagar and Ward No 160 and having BBMP Katha No. 176/67/20 measuring East to West 60-0 and North to South 40-0 feet in all measuring 2400 square feet together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether undermeath above the surface situated at HALAGEVADERAHALLI VILLAGE Kengeri Hobli Bangalore District and bounded on the: East by - Road, West by - Site No 43, North by - Site No. 21, South by -Site No 19

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 480.00 Sq. Ft undivided share, right, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' property

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Property bearing Flat No. TF1 3rd Floor, containing Three bed rooms having and Super Built up Area of 2250 Sq. Ft which includes proportionate share in common area and other areas used in common by all the Apartment Owners in "MSR NIGAM" along with exclusive right to use One Top Covered Car Parking space bearing #TF1, in the "MSR NIGAM" construct on schedule "A" Property and he Aparment is bounded by :East by : Common passage, West By : Others Property, North by : Others Property,South by : Others Property

Therefore You are hereby called upon in terms of section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of **Rs.1,96,26,192.36** together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.

As per section 13 (13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained /prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place : Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 20.02.2026 Union Bank of India,

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-40)
P and SC No. 82/2026

BETWEEN : SMT. PALLAVI. R W/o Ravikumar P Aged about 41 years, R/at No.39, 2nd Floor, R R School Road, Near V V Store, Venkata giryappa Layout, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura-560053 Previously Residing at No.62 5th Cross Road, Cholarapalya, Pipe line Road, Bengaluru - 560023 **...PETITIONER**
AND : NIL **...RESPONDENT**

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CPC TO NIL RESPONDENT

Whereas one BYYAMMA W/o M Byyanna executed the unregistered will dated 28.08.2012 with respect to Schedule Properties in favour of the Petitioner, the said Byyamma got demised on 18.12.2016. Hence the Petitioner has instituted a civil suit for seeking to Grant the Probate certificate in favour of Petitioner and declaration against the nil Respondent. However it is mandatory to public paper publication seeking for any objection from the public or other in respect in respect of the below mentioned suit schedule properties. Any objection from the public are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court in person or through counsel on **23.03.2026 at 11 'O' Clock** in the forenoon to answer the claim and public are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend, in support of your defense. Take Notice that, in default of your appearance on day before mentioned, in above Petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No. 1 measuring East to West 80 feet, North to South 160 feet, totally measuring 12800 sq. ft, curved out of Old Sy No.83/1B measuring 14 acre 33 Gunta, New Sy. No. 83/01 measuring 15 acre 06 Gunta, situated at Mallatahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Bengaluru situated at Mallatahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. Bengaluru out of which total property measuring 14 acre 23 Guntas got converted by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru district from Agriculture to residential purpose in BDS:ALN.SR(n)No.43/1995-96 dated 20.01.1996, as per the report filed by the Tahasildar in report No.ALN.SR.42:1995-96 dated 24.07.1995 and bounded on:
East By : Road, **West By :** Road,
North by : Road, **South by :** Site No. 110 and 111,

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, on this 17th day of February 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONER
NAVAYUGA LAW ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES
No.106/E, 16th Main, Ground Floor, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 560040.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2 BENGALURU

4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

TRC No. 1674/2018 FORM NO 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))

Union Bank Of India
Bannerghatta Road Branch, Bangalore - 560 076. Represented by its Chief Manager **Smt.S.Viswalatha** **...Certificate Holder**
Versus
M/s Prabhavathi Builders & others **...Certificate Debtors**

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/s Prabhavathi Builders,
Partnership Firm Rep by Partners
Sri Praveen Kumar B.E
Smt Nandini R;
No.80, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, 4th Main; Sahakarsanga Layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 068.
2. Sri. Praveen Kumar B.E;
Partner M/s Prabhavathi Builders;
No.65, Aruna Nilaya Yagana, 4th Cross, 39th "A" Main, Rashtra Kavi Kuvempu Nagar, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560068.
3. Smt. Nandini R
Partner M/s Prabhavathi Builders.
No.65, Aruna Nilaya Yagana, 4th Cross, 39th "A" Main, Rashtra Kavi Kuvempu Nagar, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560068

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No 838/2017** passed by the Presiding Officer **DRT-2**, Bangalore on **24-Oct-2018** an amount of **Rs. 10,49,67,994/-**(Rupees Ten Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundread Ninety Four Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filling O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal, on this **3rd day of April 2019**

Sd/-Recovery Officer-2
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Muniyamma** have filed the above petition for death certificate of **Sri.Kadirappa S/o Late Bandemuniyappa @ Muniyappa, was died on 04-08-2006** Residing at Mudugurki Village, Vijayapura Hobali, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, if any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the 2nd Addl Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 7-4-2026 at 11-00 A.M in C.Mis.No.25/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Manjunatha R, and Nayana H.M., Advocate

BEFORE THE ADDITIONAL JUDGE COURT OF SMALL CAUSES AND ACJM AT BANGALORE (SCCH-7)
MVC No. 2640/2025

BETWEEN: 1.SRI.B.T.DAYANANDA KUMAR, Son of Thimme Gowda, aged about 54 Years. **2. SMT.SAVITHA.K.**, Wife of Sri.B.T.Dayananda Kumar, aged about 44 Years, The Petitioner No.1 & 2 are residing at No.44/1, 1st Stage, 1st Main, Gelayarabalaga, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560086... **PETITIONER**

AND: United India Insurance Company Limited and others... **RESPONDENT**

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO.1 & 3

1. SRI.RAJAGOPAL PAPAIAH, S/o. Sri.L. Papaiah, aged about 49 Years, Residing No.144, Jantha Colony, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Bommasandra, Hosur Main Road, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099.

3. SRI.MOHAN SUNDARA.J.S., S/o. Sri.Sanne Gowda, aged about 55 Years, Residing No.26, 'Neha Nilaya', Shivajyothi Nagar, Harokyathanahalli Main Road, Makali, Bengaluru - 562162.

The above named Petitioners have filed the above Petition against both of you for compensation of Rs. 3,03,00,000/- and other reliefs with regard to accident on 25-05-2024, at about 2:30 P.M, the driver of a private bus bearing Registration No. KA-51-AJ-0764 was driving his bus on the National Highway-4 Tumkur-Road from 8th Mile side and moving towards Nelamangala side in a rash and negligent manner with high speed endangering human life, when the said bus was passing in front of Sri Radhaswamy Satsang Biyas Dhyan Mandir joining Peenya Flyover from the downside of ramp, all of a sudden he took right turn carelessly, at that point of time Kum. Bhavana deceased Pillion rider on Pulsar Bike No. KA-02-KH-0820 driving from Goraguntepalya side to Nelamangala side.

Take notice that the above case stand posted to **24-03-2026** before ADDITIONAL JUDGE, COURT OF SMALL CAUSES AND ACJM AT BANGALORE (SCCH - 7) for your appearance on that day at 11'0 clock in person or through your duly authorized agent to answer the claim, failing which, the suit will be decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 11-02-2026.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Bengaluru.

SRINIVAS .A.R & NARENDRA .P.R,
Advocate
Law Senate, No.20, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, Srikanta Layout, Crescent Road, Bengaluru-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intend to purchase the Schedule B and C Property from its owners Mrs. Leelamma John, Mrs. Leena Nebu, Mr. Lejy Jacob John and Mr. Linoy Paul John.

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/ details of dispute/s with in seven (&) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owners as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule B and C Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring 29 acres 26 guntas situated in several Survey Numbers of Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Converted Vide Order No. BDS.ALN (E)VB/SR120/2005-2006, dated 05-10-2005 by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District) and detailed below with the following boundaries:

Sl.No.	Survey Nos.	Acres	Guntas
1.	194	7	5
2.	195/1	5	8
3.	195/2	3	0
4.	195/3	0	33
5.	196/1	5	18
6.	196/2	3	0
7.	196/3	0	13
8.	197/1	2	21
9.	197/2	2	5
10.	197/3	0	1
11.	197/4	0	22
	Total	29	26

East By : Kadugodi - Hoskote Road; West By : Chikkabanahalli and Government kharab land in Survey No.163; North by : Petroleum Pipeline Property; South by : Seegehalli Village, Boundary:

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(UNDIVIDED INTEREST AGREED TO BE SOLD)

736.59 Sq. Feet of Undivided share, right, title and INTEREST in the land comprised in Schedule "A" mentioned above

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY
(DESCRIPTION OF THE APARTMENT)

All that part and parcel of a Residential Type DXA Apartment (Dwelling Unit) bearing No. 0402, Block-C, Tower No.11 on the Fourth Floor with Super Built up area 1713 Sq.ft., (159.19 Sq.mtr) with Vitrified Tile flooring in the Apartment building known as **"SANDEEP VIHAR"** constructed on Schedule "A" Property, with Two Car Parking Space Nos. **C-11-CPB-43** and **CPB-44** in the Basement Car Parking now bearing e-Khatha No. 522/C11/402, PID No. 150200401700124497.

B.R. NETRAVATHI, Advocate
OFF: No.11, 1st Floor, S.L.V. Complex, Next to Axis Bank, Hoodi Circle, Mahadevapura Post, ITPL Main Road and Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore - 560 048. **Phone : 9980330509**

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जोधपुर 342304 राजस्थान, भारत

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UBN NO. : JAU2526GLOB00213 **EPROC ID: 2026_AGUJD_538750_1**

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राज.संवाद/सी/25/20859 कृषि विश्वविद्यालय, जोधपुर

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the intimation of public that my client **Sri. KIRAN MOHAN** contracted to purchase the Schedule Property from [1] Sri. Manoj kumar.S S/o Shiva.G [2] Smt.T.Bharathi residents of Bengaluru. Any body having any objection, right or claim on the schedule property shall notify the same with documents to the Undersigned on or before 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing site No. 287, BDA Katha Application No. BD0068250010222, BDA Khatha/Property No. BDA/RO/N/287/2012-13, PID: 6000011071, Dated: 11-07-2025, at Phase II, in a layout formed by "BHARAT ELECTRONICS EMPLOYEES'CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LIMITED", Jalahalli Post, Bengaluru-13, and the site has been released by Bengaluru Development Authority, vide Order No. BDA/TPM/PL-15/09-10/313/2010-11, Dated : 27-04-2010, in Survey Numbers 95, 103, 105, 106, 111, 112/1, 113/1 and 113/2 A, situated at Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District. Measuring East : 9.14 Mtrs, West : 9.14 Mtrs. North: 12.50 Mtrs, South: 12.50 Mtrs, (East to West: 12.50 Mtrs and North to South: 9.14 Mtrs) in all/totally 114.25 Sq. Mtrs or 1229.78 Sq feet and bounded as follows:-**East by ::** Road,
West by :: Private Property,
North by :: Site No. 285,
South by :: Road

G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate and Notary
At No.61,11th Cross, Kogilu Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI.HILARY INAS CASTELINO** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lost the original Sale Deed dated 9/6/2016 bearing Document No.822/ 2016-17, Book-I, Stored in CD No.99, executed by Sri.Mahaboob Pasha in favour of Sri.Hilary Inas Castelino registered in the office of sub registrar, Jayanagar (B.T.M) Layout Bangalore. In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same **within SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing residential **Site No.1**, Old Katha No.701, New Katha No.1482, formed out of Converted, Sy.Nos. 118/3, 118/6, 118/7 & 119/3 (converted for Residential purpose and approved by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide his Order No.BDS.ALN.SR(S)396/2003-04, dated:14-01-2004), having 11-B Katha Sl.No. 15020030 1100101642, situated at DODDATHOGUR village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring: East to West: (33.5+46.5)/2 feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring: 1200 Sq.ft., and bounded on: **East by:** Rajakaluve, **West by :** 35 feet Road, **North By :** Vacant land, **South by :** Site No.2.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross,
Near NR Colony Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019, *Cell # 9341261700*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public, my Client **Smt. MUNITHAYAMMA, D/o Ramayya Wife of Munikrishnappa,** residing at Mantapa Village, Bannerghatta Bangalore - 560083, Aadhaar No.5779 6175 0343.

My client **Smt. MUNITHAYAMMA,** is the owner of **Western Portion** of property No.1, Khatha No. 31/2A, situated at Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West (40 + 38)/2 feet and North to South (33 +31)/2 feet, in all totally 1248 Sq.ft., and bounded on : East by : Remaining Eastern portion of same property belongs to Sri. P. Adl. Seshukumar, West by : Site No.2, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

My client hereby declare that the above said property original **Absolute Sale Deed registered as Document No.JPN-1-04122 / 2019-20, C.D. No. JPND 682, Book-1, dated 26-07-2019, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Jayanagar (J.P. Nagar) Bangalore** is misplaced / lost in her house even after thorough search was not able to locate the same. In this behalf lodged online police complaint vide Serial No. 2068630 Lost Report No.2068630/2026 dated 18-02-2026 and as such through this Public Notice she has confirmed that the above said original Sale Deed has been lost.

If anybody finds / traces the said original documents, it is requested to contact and handover to the under signed immediately.

SHIVANNA, Advocate
No.28, 12th Main Road, 4th Block East, Jayanagar, (Near Sub-Registrar Office), BANGALORE-560 011. Ph: (M) 9901507257
Bangalore, Date : 20-02-2026

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE II ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL
G & WC No. 119/2025

BETWEEN:
PRIVIN P, S/o Purushotaman, Aged about 38 years old, R/a Flat No: 003 Ground Floor, Springseas Crosswinds Hagadur Main Rd, Narayanappa Garden, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560 066 **...Petitioner**
AND:
ASWATHY K A, W/o Privin P, Aged about 33 years old, R/a Flat No: 207, 'B' Block, Springseas Crosswinds Hagadur Main Rd, Narayanappa Garden, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 066 **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

ASWATHY K A, W/o Privin P, Aged about 33 years old, R/a Flat No: 207, 'B' Block, Springseas Crosswinds Hagadur Main Rd, Narayanappa Garden, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560066

WHEREAS the above-named Petitioner has instituted the present Petition under section 9 of the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 seeking to appoint the Petitioner as the guardian of the minor child, namely Shivanya.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before II Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **26.02.2026 at 11am** to show cause against the petitioner failing, wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 23.01.2026. **By Order of the Court**
***Sd/-* Sheristedar**
II Addl. Senior Civil Judge,
Bangalore Rural

ADDRESS OF THE ADVOCATE:
KAPIL DIXIT LLP
210-212, B-Wing, 2nd Floor, Mittal Towers, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 001

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE Proclamation and Written Notice of Sale of Immovable Property dated 03.02.2026 bearing No. RO(CKP)W-153/JAN/2025-26/PRC-056504 ISSUED BY THE REVENUE OFFICER, CHICKPET DIVISION, BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION, FOR THE PROPERTY BEARING PID NO. 50-49-32/1 HAS BEEN STAYED BY THE ORDER OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA VIDE ORDER DATED 17.02.2026, IN WP/5127/2026. THE IMPUGNED NOTICE HAD CALLED FOR AN AUCTION OF THE SAID PROPERTY ON 21.02.2026.

PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR 21.02.2026 ARE HEREBY WARNED THAT ANY STEPS TAKEN IN PURSUANCE OF THE IMPUGNED Proclamation and Written Notice of Sale of Immovable Property dated 03.02.2026 bearing No. RO(CKP)W-153/JAN/2025-26/PRC-056504 WILL AMOUNT TO CONTEMPT OF COURT AND APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE INITIATED AGAINST ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE SAID STAY ORDER.

ADV. HIRAN KRISHNASWAMY,
M/s Swamy and Kumar Associates, Advocate.
hkswamy@gmail.com,
D6, Devatha Plaza, Residency Rd., Bangalore – 560 025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owners viz., **1) SMT.MOHANA ANNE RAMU, aged about 65 years, D/o Late Dr.M.Ramu, 2)SMT.KOKILA JANE RAMU, aged about 60 years, D/o Late Dr.M.Ramu, 3) SRI.ANAND DAVID RAMU, aged about 59 years, D/o Late Dr.M.Ramu, and 4) SRI.KUMAR JOHN RAMU, aged about 57 years, D/o Late Dr.M.Ramu, All are residing at Ellen Villa, No.2, Cornwell Road, Langford Town, Bengaluru-560025.** The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners and have good marketable right, title and interest therein and there are no other persons have any right or claim over the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s **within 7 days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing New Municipal No.313/A/303/230/81/2A, BBMP New E-PID No.8691591911, BBMP Ward No.191- Singasandra, Old Municipal No.313/A, converted land bearing **Sy.No.81/2A2, measuring 54,450 Sq.ft., situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru** and bounded on the:
East : Bangalore Hosur Road
West : Private Property
North : AECS Main Road
South : Remaining land in Sy.No.81/2A2

Sd/- **K. VENKATA SUDHEER,** Advocate
No.548/51/1, 1st Floor, Garuthman Park, Andal Temple Street (behind R.V. teacher's College) R.V. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004. Mobile: 9845682098

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE

New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

Original Application
O.A. No.712/2024

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK **...Applicant**
AND
Mr.Madhusudhan D. M. ...Defendant

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Mr. Madhusudhan D. M. (S/o. Mr. Manjunatha), Prop. of M/s. Designtech Solutions, No. 34, 9th Cross, Rajagopalnagar Main Road, Ganapathinagar, Bengaluru - 560 058.
Also at : No. 8, 9th Cross, Rajagopalanagar Main Road, Ganapathinagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Peenya Small Industries, Bangalore - 560 058.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application/interloctory application under Section 19(1) of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,04,93,924.51** (Rupees One Crore four lakhs ninety three thousand nine hundred twenty four and paise fifty one only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **19.03.2026 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **12.02.2026**

Sd/- Signature of the officer
(Authorised to issue Summons)
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I, Bangalore

Mr. Venu K. V.
Advocate, 3rd Floor, 18/3, Andree Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore - 560 027
vvbangalore1967@gmail.com

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1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009.
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E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website: https://karnatakabank.com
CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 09.03.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Actual Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 09.03.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **07.03.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr. Balakrishna V,** S/o Mr. Velu Chinnaswamy, **(2) Mrs. Bhavya Lakshmi B,** W/o Mr. Balakrishna V, **Both are R/at :** No. 20/1, 3rd Floor, 10th Cross, Behind Prassanna Theater, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru-560023. **Loan A/c No: PSTL A/c 9047001800035001**	**Rs. 29,90,111.62 [Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Ninety Thousand One Hundred Eleven And Paisa Sixty Two Only] 20.02.2026**	**10.07.2024 Actual**	All that piece and parcel of **Residential Vacant Site bearing No.44,** presently having Panchayatha Khata No. 21/44, E-Khata No. 150200302402520881, admeasuring 111.41 Sq.mtrs. (East to West: 9.14 meter, North to South: 12.19 meter), carved out in converted lands bearing no. 29/4 and 29/5B in the Layout known as "Sanjeevini Residency", situated at Soolivara Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-562130. **belonging to Mr. Balakrishna V Boundaries of Property: East by** : Site No.43, **West by** : Site No.45, **North by** : Private Property bearing No. 29/3, **South by** : 9 meter Road. **Location of the property: 12.893847, 77.364869**	**Rs. 26,40,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Forty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 2,64,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Only)**	**04.00 PM to 04.15 PM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Hesaraghatta Main Road A/c No: 9043500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000904**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8)Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Regulatory and others".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **09.03.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **07.03.2026**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, Contact Mobile No. 8885035382, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 20.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, Mayohall Premises, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

No: BCCC/JC-1/TEND/01/2025-26 **Date: 20-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER - (CALL-2)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Joint Commissioner (Zone-1), BCCC, Bengaluru invites Tenders from eligible Contractors / Firm registered in BCCC or equivalent registration with Labour Department or any State Government Organizations for the Work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing Data Entry Operators to Offices under the Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, Mayohall, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560001. (to be deployed to the BCCC Offices spread across) **(No. of Data Entry Operators Required - 95) - (Call-2) - Estimated Amount (Inclusive of Taxes) (in Rs.): 2,97,46,476/-, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 6,00,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 23-02-2026. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **02-03-2026 at 16.00 Hours in the Office of the Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, BCCC, Residency Road, Mayohall Premises, Bengaluru. 3)** Tenders must be Submitted Online through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hours on 06-03-2026. 4)** Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in at the Office of the Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, BCCC, Bengaluru on 09-03-2026 at 16.00 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Joint Commissioner, Zone-1, BCCC.

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ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

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South Africa players walk on to the field during the T20 World Cup | ICC

Planning can be overrated — ask SA

Proteas have come together at right time to gain momentum

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

OVER the last 48 hours and the next 48 hours, the Proteas would have and will be reminded of the one T20I match they had no right losing. With Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller in the middle and South Africa needing 30 from as many balls (and 26 from 24) to win the final of the last edition in 2024, the win predictor for them was in the high 90s. India had nothing but a wing and a prayer, a hail mary. South Africa, it seemed, had not just a winning hand but a royal flush.

That's when one of the greatest heists began as they snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

Under Rohit Sharma, India went on to win that World Cup. They immediately started putting in place the building blocks to defend that title in 2026. Regimes changed. A new captain was identified. Openers changed. New bowlers were added. A new short-term plan was put in place effective immediately to win the title in front of their fans. Their role clarity, if anything, has only strengthened. Their ratio since that heady sun-kissed day in Barbados is 5.8 wins per every loss. Suryakumar Yadav, their captain, has featured in 40 out of 45 T20I games in the intervening period.

When South Africa lost that final, some players were moved on. Others announced retirement. There was some chopping and changing. The captain remained. Aiden Markram, their skipper, has featured in 25 out of 36 games. One day after South Africa played and lost in a one-off T20I game against Namibia, Markram captained their Test team in Pakistan. Their ratio since that gut-wrenching Barbados day is 10 losses every 7.5 wins.

All of this is a roundabout way to say that there are two ways to plan for a global event. India have gone about in a methodical way. The Proteas have gone about it differently because most of their A-listers are generally not available to them whenever they play bilateral T20Is. So, their coach, Shukri Conrad, one of the new faces in the dugout in this format, has had to take the scenic route.

And that's even before you take into account that Quinton de Kock took a sabbatical, came back and is now one of the automatic choices to open. Tristan Stubbs was dropped, picked and is now one of the automatic choices in the middle-order. Ryan Rickleton was dropped, picked and is now locked to be at No. 3. That all of this has happened over the last five months or so is impressive (Rickelton and Stubbs happened after their initial squad was published earlier this year).

And, yet, they have emerged as one of the contenders to win (apart from India) the World Cup. It kind of shows that planning can be very overrated in this format. It also shows that South Africa have embraced tactical fluidity and flexibility, two traits you need lots of in this format. In the bowling department, they have pacers doing all sorts. Pace on, pace off, cutters into the surface (think Pat Cummins in the 50-over World Cup in 2023), left-arm spin, left-arm pace, off-spin to open bowling (this could be key especially against India) as well as six-hitting firepower to end the innings. As more and more teams go back to the traditional T20 way of exploding at the back-end because pitches have had something in it, this World Cup has seen teams try and get to 75-80 in the first 10 before setting up to score over 100 in the back-end. It's why the likes of David Miller and Stubbs have become more important.

South Africa's big advantage

Unlike India, Markram has had a big advantage when the schedule was out. They knew they would be playing their entire World Cup in either Ahmedabad or New Delhi (as long as Pakistan don't have a deep run). It's why they picked a boat load of seamers (six out of 15) to match the pitches there. Having stayed in Ahmedabad and played there for over the last two weeks, they know they are well acclimatised to the conditions when India face them on Sunday.

Fullstory: newindianexpress.com

Individual brilliance vs team effort

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

EVER since they won the 2024 T20 World Cup, India have been a force to reckon with in the shortest format of the game. Since June 29, 2024 when they made a comeback for ages to beat South Africa by seven runs in the final at Bridgetown, they have played 45 matches, winning 35 and losing only six with two being tied and as many games ending in no result. Fittingly, they are the number 1 team in the ICC T20I world rankings with England, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa following them in order.

But here is the catch. The Proteas, who are fifth on the ranking table, are the only team in the top five to have defeated them more than once in the last 20 months. Add to it their 'familiarity' with the venue, Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, where they will take on the co-hosts in the Super Eights clash on Sunday.

Out of four Group D matches, the Aiden Markram-led side played three at the venue with two being played at 7PM while one against Afghanistan, which saw two Super Overs, staged at 11AM. On the contrary, India, just like the 2023 ODI World Cup that the country hosted, have played all their four Group A matches at different venues with Ahmedabad set to become the only facility staging them twice come Sunday.

India players during a training session in Ahmedabad on Friday | PTI

More importantly, the Men in Blue have relied more on individual brilliance rather than team work so far. It was skipper Suryakumar Yadav who bailed them out in their opener against the USA at the Wankhede Stadium. Against Pakistan, opener Ishan Kishan turned out to be the difference between the two sides while pace-bowling all-rounder Shivam Dube did the job in their last group match against the Netherlands a couple of days ago. To some extent, their match against Namibia in New Delhi saw notable team performances with both Kishan and Hardik Pandya scoring a fifty each while all the six bowlers walking away with at least a wicket each.

INDIA VS TOP TEAMS

(Since 2024 T20 WC win)

- vs Eng won 4 out of 5
- vs Aus won 2 out of 5, 2 NR
- vs NZ won 4 out of 5
- vs SA won 6 out of 8

South Africa, meanwhile, have seen their top three giving them a good start with all of them — Markram, Quinton de Kock and Ryan Rickelton — slamming a half-century each. Their pacers — Lungi Ngidi, Marco Jansen, Kagiso Rabada and Corbin Bosch — have fired in unison while left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj has supported them.

Given their show so far, Sunday's contest could be between individual brilliance and team effort. India bowling coach Morne Morkel, a former South Africa speedster, acknowledged their opponents are one of the in-form teams of the tournament. "They are a team that's full of confidence," Morkel said during the press conference. "They have got guys at the top who are in form. In terms of weaknesses, there aren't many. We know that their top order gives them that momentum, with Quinton and Aiden up front in good form and hitting the ball very well. We will definitely put our best foot forward to try and get those early wickets," added Morkel.

India defeated South Africa by 30 runs at the same venue when they last met a couple of months ago in a high-scoring thriller. Suryakumar and Co will be hoping to repeat the feat on Sunday but this time the pressure and stage will be bigger.

Australia bow out on a high

AGENCIES @Pallekele

WOUNDED Australia concluded what has been a wretched campaign with a nine-wicket thrashing of Oman in their inconsequential final group league fixture of the T20 World Cup on Friday.

Entering the game with only pride at stake after their group-stage exit, Adam Zampa led the way with four wickets as Australia's bowlers bundled out Oman for 104 in 16.2 overs. Skipper Mitchell Marsh then blazed away to an unbeaten 64 off 33 balls and Travis Head smashed 32 off 19 deliveries, as the Aussies completed the chase in only 9.4 overs. This is the joint fastest chase in the tournament's history for a total in excess of 100.

BRIEF SCORES: Oman: 104 in 16.2 ovs (Bartlett 2/27; Zampa 4/21) **lost to** Australia: 108/1 in 9.4 ovs (M Marsh 64 n.o).

Fortunate to have had lot of memories: Trott

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

WHEN former England batter Jonathan Trott took the reins as Afghanistan coach in 2022, he would not have expected his team to punch above their weight in his stint, going by the challenges he went on to face. The job was first offered to his compatriot and former cricketer Graham Thorpe but Thorpe fell sick, giving way to Trott. On Thursday, Trott walked into the press conference room here after his team's 82-run win over Canada in the T20 World Cup battling tears. It was under his tenure that Afghanistan reached their first-ever T20 World Cup semi final finish in 2024, in addition to landmark tournament victories, historic wins over top-ranked teams, and milestones that elevated Afghanistan's reputation in cricket. "I always feel fortunate enough to have had a lot of memories as a player but also now as a coach as well. I think even at this ground (at Chepauk), beating Pakistan in the 50-over World Cup game, beating England, two games in St. Vincent, that's World Cup stuff," Trott said. He also mentions the wins against top cricketing nations like South Africa in bilateral series' as favourite memories. "We've beaten Pakistan, Bangladesh away, South Africa in bilaterals. So I'm very fortunate enough to have coached some really great players".

Fullstory: newindianexpress.com

UPBEAT PAK BLACK CAPS

WITH NEW ZEALAND AND SRI LANKA TAKING ON EACH OTHER IN FIRST MATCH OF SUPER 8S, A LOOK...

What's up with Babar?

Clearly, **Babar Azam** is not their best T20 batter. Nor can he give them the momentum from get go. Azam was pushed down when Pakistan had upper hand against Namibia. Will it happen again vs NZ?

Eyes on Santner

So far New Zealand have played on the truest of surfaces in India where they have had little turn on offer. Colombo will be entirely different and this is where skipper Mitchell Santner will be key.

Skipper Salman on radar

Though Pakistan tested India with their spinners to an extent, one of the underwhelming things about their campaign so far is Salman Agha's captaincy. His on-field tactics have fallen short and he needs to step up.

Pakistan vs New Zealand @ Colombo

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Pace off deliveries & slow bouncers: Decoding T20 pace bowling ft. Henry

GOMESH S @Chennai

A LITTLE over three weeks ago, Abhishek Sharma was taking guard against Matt Henry in the fourth T20I against New Zealand at the ACA-VDCA Stadium, Visakhapatnam. In the chase of 216, India needed Abhishek to get going as he charged at Henry on the very first ball.

Henry, meanwhile, kept the ball at length on middle stump and angled it away from the left-hander who chased it only to find the fielder specifically positioned in a wide third-man position for that shot. It was not a coincidence where an outside edge found the third man fielder, but a planned set-up to exploit one of the potential weak points of Abhishek.

If there were any doubts, all one has to do is watch Abhishek's dismissal against USA in Mumbai the week after. Cut. Copy. Paste. Teams, bowlers watch what their opponents do, try to bring in new variations and challenge batters, especially when they know the conditions are skewed against them. And it shows in the leading wicket-takers of the T20 World Cup as well. In a list dominated by tweakers, the pacers are the ones with variations and ability to challenge the intangible factors against them. And New Zealand pacer Henry breaks it down in detail. The first part, planning and preparation that goes in. "I think one of the key elements to bowling here and especially in the power play with two fielders out is the ability to be accurate. Obviously only having two fielders out you can't have them everywhere so you've got to make sure that you're really deliberate on where you guys are so that when you do have an opportunity or a half chance that there's a guy there to take the dismissal. So that's probably where the planning comes in. Like I said it's always nice when it comes off but you've just got to absorb the pressure and do what you can do," Henry explained the Abhishek dismissal to this daily before the T20 WC began.

Matt Henry | ICC

Second, powerplay wickets become paramount. Henry explains what IPL and the bilaterals have shown how the best way to stop run flow against explosive batters is to get them out. However, the difference between bilaterals and the World Cup is that conditions are not the same everywhere. While seamers have enjoyed success under lights and in Sri Lanka, it has not always been the same. New Zealand, for example, have played on some good batting pitches where there is little to no new ball assistance.

This is where the variations, pace off deliveries, short balls, slow bouncers.. etc. come in. Go through the New Zealand bowling column and it shows. Top three wicket-takers are all seamers Jimmy Neesham sharing fourth place alongside Rachin Ravindra. And the top three — Henry, Lockie Ferguson and Jacob Duffy — have all relied on variations to break partnerships. It was something they had prepared for knowing the challenges of bowling under the Sun.

"It's probably a positive thing from a bowling point of view where outfield may not be as quick and there might just be a little bit more assistance with your off pace deliveries and be able to create some doubt in the batter's mind with those other options where at the moment the slower balls are sliding on quite nicely and you don't really have too much bounce," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

More questions post India's Pro League losses

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

IN every sporting story of a team, there are crests and troughs. Good and bad. Sorrow and joy. Consistent teams dominate. Every team aspires to render justice to their skill through this vocation of consistency.

The India men's hockey team continued their below par showing when they lost all their matches in the Rourkela leg of FIH Pro-League matches this month.

With World Cup in August and Asian Games slated in September, this could not have come at a more challenging time. India is sitting precariously on a precipice where one slip could lead the entire team down a dark tunnel. Too many losses would deal a psychological blow and once the joy of winning is lost, any player would say how difficult it would be to get it back.

The lead up to the Pro-league matches in Rourkela, India, was not ideal either, with senior pro Manpreet Singh getting dropped rather controversially. Though speculations swirled around disciplinary reasons, there were other indications that suggested the team would like to move towards fresh legs and new ideas.

With this in mind, the team also introduced junior players to the mix. Amandeep Lakra, who made his debut against Belgium last week, would be hopeful of a good show while it will provide the likes of Poovanna Chandura Boby and goalkeepr Mohith HS to show their skill on the astro-turf to cement their places in the team.

Fullstory: newindianexpress.com

Pak drama: Captain banned, later reinstated

AGENCIES @Lahore

THE Pakistan government on Friday revoked national hockey team skipper Ammad Shakeel Butt's two-year ban imposed by the national federation (PHF), terming the step as "illegal and unconstitutional."

Just before resigning from his position as Pakistan Hockey Federation president on Thursday, Tariq Bugti banned Butt for two years for his criticism of the PHF following the skipper's outburst against the mismanagement during the recent Australia tour. Soon after the team returned home in early hours of Wednesday, Butt and some other senior players told the waiting media at the airport that they can't work any further with the current management of PHF and the team management. But patron-in-chief, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif-appointed interim president of the PHF Muhuyddin Ahmed Wani reversed the decision.

Bugti had resigned on Thursday in the wake of a huge fall out after the national side's return from Australia, where they faced logistical nightmares and had to stay in Airbnb residences despite the state-run Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) releasing 10 million rupees to the PHF for five-star hotel accomodation of the team during its FIH Pro League matches in Canberra.

Goa grab win in their 2nd tie

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GOALS from defender Pol Moreno and Dejan Drazic against Mohammedan SC ensured Goa their first win in the ongoing 2025/26 Indian Super League season at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on Friday.

The Gaurs did not waste time in opening the scoring, as Moreno was assisted by Drazic. Then, Indian winger Udanta Singh was pulled down by the goalkeeper in the penalty area, which prompted the referee to give a spot kick. Drazic slotted it to the goal comfortably. The hosts, with their all-Indian XI, failed to make impact, despite multiple forays into their opponents penalty box.

EXPRESS READ

Pereira leads Forest to 3-0 win

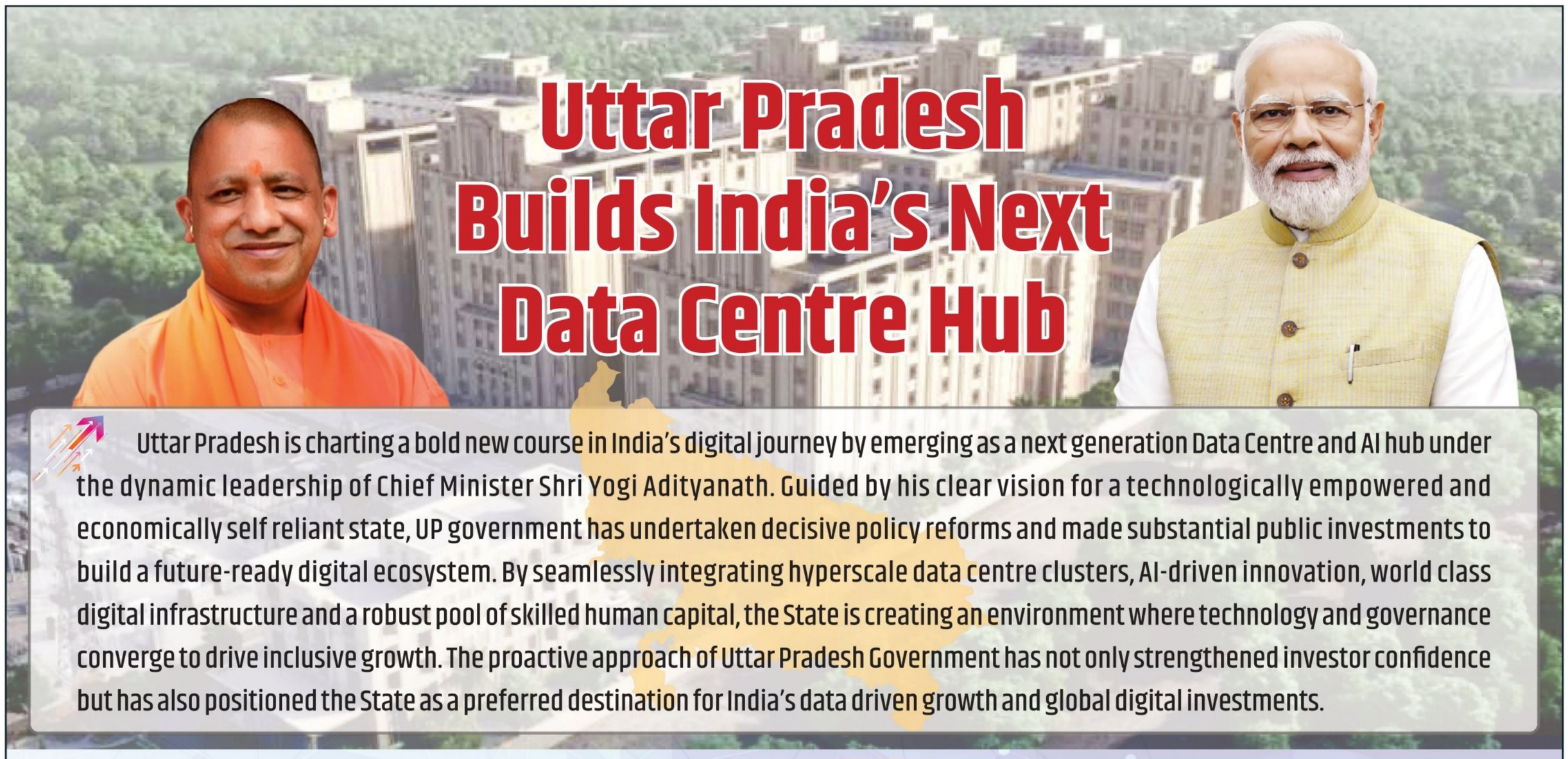
LONDON: Vitor Pereira made an impact in his first game, leading Nottingham Forest to a 3-0 victory at Fenerbahce in the first leg of their Europa League playoff. Defender Murillo, Igor Jesus and Morgan Gibbs-White scored a goal apiece.

Walkers to compete in new events

CHANDIGARH: Some of the country's top race walkers will compete in the newly-introduced events of 21km half marathon and 42km full marathon senior men's and women's events at the Indian Open Race Walk Competition beginning on Saturday.

Golf: Chouhan outclasses rivals

KOLKATA: The seasoned Om Prakash Chouhan produced a late flourish to outclass his opponents and take home his 12th professional win on the final day of the DP World Players Championship in Kolkata. His performance featured eight birdies.



Uttar Pradesh Builds India's Next Data Centre Hub

Uttar Pradesh is charting a bold new course in India's digital journey by emerging as a next generation Data Centre and AI hub under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath. Guided by his clear vision for a technologically empowered and economically self reliant state, UP government has undertaken decisive policy reforms and made substantial public investments to build a future-ready digital ecosystem. By seamlessly integrating hyperscale data centre clusters, AI-driven innovation, world class digital infrastructure and a robust pool of skilled human capital, the State is creating an environment where technology and governance converge to drive inclusive growth. The proactive approach of Uttar Pradesh Government has not only strengthened investor confidence but has also positioned the State as a preferred destination for India's data driven growth and global digital investments.

Data Centre Ecosystem in UP

AI Data Centre at Greater Noida: The Government of Uttar Pradesh signed a landmark MoU at the World Economic Forum 2026 with AM Green Group to set up a 1 GW AI-focused data centre, with investments of nearly USD 25 billion.

Phased, Future-Ready Development: The project will be developed in phases, with initial capacity expected by 2028 and full 1 GW operations targeted by 2030.

Yotta Infrastructure's Large-Scale Expansion: Yotta Infrastructure, part of the Hiranandani Group, is investing around ₹39,000 crore in multiple data centre facilities in Greater Noida, with Yotta D1 operational and D2 & D3 under development.

Uttar Pradesh's 2026-27 Budget and policy directions reflect a strategic transformation from traditional infrastructure to a digital infrastructure ecosystem that supports data centres, innovation clusters, robotics missions, and entrepreneurial growth. With institutional backing like the State Data Authority and targeted budget allocations, UP is setting new benchmarks in technology led governance, economic development and youth empowerment. The budget size has nearly tripled over nine years, reflecting robust fiscal capacity to deliver high-impact programmes.

Data Centre Cluster Initiative

- Allocation for Data Centre Cluster: ₹100 crore specifically earmarked in the UP Budget 2026-27 to develop multiple data centre clusters across the state.
- Massive long-term investment drive: Uttar Pradesh plans to build data centre parks worth approximately ₹30,000 crore, targeting large-scale digital infrastructure and cloud capacity.
- Eight Modern Data Centre Parks: Targets 900 MW capacity to boost the state's digital economy and attract private investment.

State Data Authority

- The state government has proposed the establishment of a State Data Authority with a ₹100 crore allocation to unify data policy, improve accuracy, and enhance real-time data management across government departments.
- The Authority will coordinate data standards, support governance reforms, and enable evidence-based decision-making across sectors like health, agriculture, education, and public services.

Robotics & Emerging Tech Mission

- The Uttar Pradesh Robotics Mission is being scaled up with an earmark of ₹100 crore to develop robotics innovation hubs, especially in Noida and Greater Noida, jumpstarting automation, advanced manufacturing, and tech R&D.
- This push aligns with the state's broader initiatives in AI, photonics, quantum tech, and advanced industries to strengthen its competitive edge.

CM Digital Entrepreneurship & Innovation Schemes

- The Tech Yuva–Samarth Yuva initiative receives ₹100 crore to train youth in cutting-edge digital skills (AI, AR/VR/XR), preparing them for tomorrow's job markets.
- World-class U-Hubs (Innovation & Startup Ecosystems) are proposed in key cities like Lucknow and Gautam Buddha Nagar to nurture startups, research and entrepreneurship.
- These schemes aim to foster digital entrepreneurship, boost employment, and attract technology investments.

Jan Vishwas Siddhant

- The Jan Vishwas Siddhant (Principle of Public Trust), a core governance philosophy, emphasizes ease of living, prompt services, and citizen empowerment through streamlined digital delivery of services (e-governance and mobile platforms). (General reference to the approach in state governance)
- Digitalisation under Jan Vishwas Siddhant aims to reduce bureaucracy, increase transparency, and make government services simple and accessible.

Strategic Impact for Economy & Youth

- UP's digital infrastructure investments are expected to create skilled jobs, attract global enterprises, and foster a technology-based economy.
- The state's focus on data centres, AI labs, and youth-centric schemes positions it as a national leader in emerging technologies, propelled by strong public policy and fiscal support.

The Invest UP Advantage

Direct Subsidies: 7% capital subsidy (up to ₹20 crore) on fixed capital investments (excluding land).

Land Rebates: Up to 25% land subsidy in Paschimanchal (Noida/Greater Noida) and up to 50% in Bundelkhand and Poorvanchal regions.

Zero Duty: 100% exemption on stamp duty for the first transaction and 100% electricity duty exemption for 10 years.

Power Reliability: Government-backed dual-grid power supply for the first eight DC parks to ensure zero downtime.

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Book release

The Communist Manifesto, written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in German, was first published in London in 1848

ABOUT THE MANIFESTO

Commissioned by the Communist League, this 23-page pamphlet was released just before the 1848 French Revolution and outlines class struggle and historical materialism

START OF A REVOLUTION

In 1845, Marx was expelled from France. He settled in Brussels, where he renounced his Prussian nationality and was joined by Engels

TRANSLATION

The first English translation, by Helen Macfarlane, was published in 1850 in the Chartist journal *The Red Republican*

What's happening in Bengaluru?
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'I HAD TO TAP INTO THAT PART OF ME THAT FELT REJECTED'

National Awardee Vidya Balan keeps it unapologetically real during her recent visit to Bengaluru, talking about body image and bold choices

ANJALI RAM

LONG before body positivity became a hashtag and female-led films were labelled as 'content-oriented cinema,' there was **Vidya Balan**, who unapologetically redefined what a Bollywood heroine could look like. Because acting was never a fallback for the then 20-something-year-old. "There was no Plan B," she says, facing a cheering audience at the inaugural session of the Alliance Literary Festival – HerStory: Celebrating Naari Shakti on Thursday. There were years of auditions – of being told she didn't fit the mould, of going home and crying, and still showing up the next morning, Balan continues to reminisce about her early days.

When asked whether some of her powerful characters may have been misunderstood, she turns to the iconic *The Dirty Picture* (a biopic on veteran actor Silk Smitha). "The film went beyond the body and self. It was her story. There is still a tendency [in me] to feel her pain, to have that craziness, which was not madness; it was a rebellion," she says. In telling it, Balan shifted the gaze from how a heroine should look to who she is beyond the image.

Portraying Silk Smitha wasn't simple for Balan. "I had to tap into that part of me that felt rejected. It was a reaction to the rejection she faced from the world, primarily from her mother. It was her rebellion of showing – 'You may not think I'm good enough, but I know who I am.'"

From the emotionally complex Manjulika to the resilient Vidya Bagchi in *Kahaani* and the intellect of Shakuntala Devi, her characters, though different in tone, have consistently portrayed strength in various forms. If *The Dirty Picture* shifted the narrative around her body, *Ishqiya* shaped her choices and acting trajectory, she says. "When I was confused about the choices I could make, I just felt that conventional films were not offering enough meat. But *Ishqiya* made me feel so alive as an actor that I decided that going forward, I will only do roles and films that have me completely excited, otherwise it's not worth it," Balan notes.

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>
> Vidya Balan, actor

A still featuring Madhuri Dixit and Vidya Balan from *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3*

Despite the risks she has taken on screen, off screen too, she carries herself with the same self-assurance, especially when discussing authenticity. "This is who I am. I'm too shameless to be anything but myself. I am genuinely interested in people and I love chatting with them and doing their stories," the 47-year-old laughs, adding, "Even at home, no matter my accolades, my family treat me like Vidya. So success and failure, I learned early that both must be held lightly." However, she points to a common misconception about fame. "A lot of times, when people get successful, they become fearful. Suddenly, there's a lot of insecurity, which is why people protect themselves," she explains.

At a time when social media feeds consume youngsters with curated perfection, she also points out body image and says, 'there should be no comparison'. "It's a lesson I wish someone had told me growing up. We cannot love our body every day, all the time, and that's okay," she shares with a smile.

Perhaps the most revealing moment comes when she spoke about her life's purpose. "Now my only purpose is to be able to love and accept myself completely the way I am by the end of my life. There's no bigger purpose. I don't think I'm ever going to change the world. I want to change and better myself every day," she says.

Addressing the young crowd with a message for parents, she adds, "Many parents live with fear most of the time. They're trying to correct the wrong that happened in their life through their children. Maybe let our children just flower the way they want to and not close our ears to them." And with *Piya Bole* playing in the background, Balan broke into an easy dance with the crowd as a sign-off.

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HIGHLIGHT

A culture centre showcasing immersive lifestyle, rituals and traditions of Karnataka's diverse local communities

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Following her performance at the Udupa Music Festival in B'luru, singer Parveen Sultana reveals her early days of dedicated riyaaz & why she gave up singing for films

The Begum of Ragas

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

ON Friday at the Udupa Music Festival in Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval, singer **Parveen Sultana** took the stage to a packed hall. The applause came instantly and what followed was discipline in a khayal form, carrying the weight of decades of practice and the long journey that made her the singer she is today.

The 75-year-old singer began learning music from her father at the age of four. "My father was a wonderful singer who did not pursue music professionally, but he learned from great masters. That was the lineage I was introduced to. Those days were different. Now we live in a 'jet age' where speed is everything – no one has time. Earlier, we used to practice for three hours, take a break and go back to practice. That is why our music is very pure. We had to move up step by step with lots of patience." Her father, a zamindar, recognised her talent early but set clear rules. "He told me, 'If you want to take this forward as a profession, you have to take it thoroughly.' At home, it was 24 hours of classical music. Not only practice, but theory too. You have to know the raga and have to hold on to it properly," she reminisces, going back to her past finely weaved by music.

Growing up in Nagaon, Assam, meant long journeys to Kolkata to train with her guru, Pandit Chinmoy Lahiri. "I would travel by a small aircraft. I would feel sick, take tablets, sleep for almost 24 hours to recover and then go to learn. It was a hard phase but it built endurance," she remembers, also highlighting the steps towards success, the meaning and rules of which have changed over time. She shares a word of advice to young musicians, saying, "Eagerness, love of music and dedication to practice are missing. People want shortcuts, but when you climb up too quickly, it doesn't take much time to come down. You have to be religious when it comes to music."

Sultana started off her career with the Assamese film *Morom Trishna* and went on to sing for Bollywood movies like *Gadar*, *Kudrat*, *Pakeezah* and various Assamese films, crooning *Humein Tumse Pyaar Kitna*, *Aaj Kaun Gali Gayo Shyam*, *Pital Ki Mori Gagri* and more.

Though the Bollywood projects earned her wide popularity and awards, cinema never became her primary calling. She chose projects focused on raga and eventually stepped away, albeit she is proud of her selections and offers that came from prominent directors. "Yes, the songs became popular. But fortunately or unfortunately, I'm not keen about film music. Even recently, someone approached me for a film. At my age, it doesn't look nice. You must respect your age, society and yourself. These are things I follow very strictly. I don't know about others," Sultana laughs.

Across the world – from London to Jerusalem – audiences greet her with sold-out halls and standing ovations. She believes international listeners often arrive well-prepared, having studied the artist and repertoire beforehand. Yet regardless of geography, one principle holds: the raga must remain pure. What still moves her after decades on stage is the devotional core of her music. When she sings a bhajan, she says, she feels transported and takes the audience with her, to her world. And sometimes, moved by music, they weep. "Ours is like Sufi music. It gives you something inside, something spiritual," she says.

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Osteoarthritis :

Knowing When to Wait, When to Treat, and When to Replace the Joint

By **Dr. Manjunath Kodihally**, Robotic Joint Replacement Surgeon

As an orthopaedic surgeon who treats osteoarthritis on a daily basis, one of the most common questions I hear from patients is, "Do I really need joint replacement surgery?" the answer is always thoughtful and individualized, because not every patient with osteoarthritis needs surgery and choosing the right treatment at the right time makes all the difference.

In early and moderate stages of osteoarthritis, joint replacement surgery is not required. At this stage, cartilage damage is partial, pain is often activity-related, and joint movement is reasonably preserved. Many do very well with conservative treatment such as weight management, physiotherapy, strengthening exercises, lifestyle modification, and medications. The goal during this phase is to control pain, maintain the mobility of joints and slow down the disease progression. When Symptoms are managable Surgery is not recommended.

This is where PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma) injections play an important role. PRP is particularly useful in early to moderate osteoarthritis, where some cartilage is still present. It helps reduce inflammation, improves joint environment, and relieves pain, allowing individuals to remain active and delay the surgery. In carefully selected individuals PRP can provide meaningful symptom relief and improve quality of life.

However, it is equally important to understand when PRP injections are not beneficial. In advanced osteoarthritis, where the joint has become bone-on-bone, cartilage is completely worn out, and deformity has set in, PRP cannot regenerate lost cartilage. Repeated injections in such cases may only postpone definitive treatment while pain and disability continue to worsen. As a surgeon, I believe in honest guidance that is PRP should be used wisely, not as a false promise.

Dr. Manjunath Kodihally
Robotic Joint Replacement Surgeon, Apurvi Super speciality orthopedic centre

Joint replacement surgery becomes necessary when osteoarthritis reaches an advanced stage and begins to significantly affect daily life. Severe pain even at rest or at night, difficulty walking, climbing stairs, joint deformity, and failure of all non-surgical treatments are clear indicators that surgery is the right option. At this stage, joint replacement is not about luxury - it is about restoring mobility, independence, and dignity.

When surgery is needed, Robotic Joint Replacement surgery is the best choice advocated for treatment, as Robotic technology allows the Surgeon to plan the surgery based on the individual patient's unique anatomy using 3D imaging. During surgery, the robotic system provides real-time feedback, enabling highly precise implant positioning and accurate ligament balancing. This level of precision is difficult to achieve consistently with conventional techniques.

The benefits of Robotic joint replacement include better alignment, more natural joint movement, less soft tissue damage, reduced blood loss, faster recovery, and improved long-term implant survival. Patients often experience quicker rehabilitation and greater confidence in their new joint.

Osteoarthritis Knee and Total Knee Replacement

Nevertheless osteoarthritis treatment is a journey, not a single decision. Early stages benefit from conservative care and PRP injections and advanced stages require Joint replacement. When surgery is indicated, Robotic joint replacement offers the most advanced, precise, and patient-specific solution available today. Choosing the right treatment at the right time is the key to long-lasting success.

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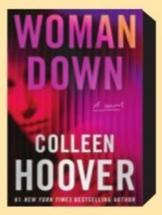
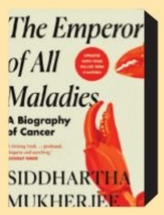


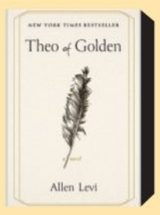
Woman Down
by Colleen Hoover

When Saint starts taking his role in her career a little too seriously, Petra's forced to confront the chaos she created. But doing so could cost her more than the reputation she's been trying to salvage.



The Emperor of All Maladies
by Siddhartha Mukherjee

In this updated edition of Siddhartha Mukherjee's instant classic, four new chapters reveal what has changed in the universe of cancer in the years since the book was first published.



Theo of Golden
by Allen Levi

A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, the book is about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another.

Unfolding
by Rahul Singh

A debut novel that follows an affluent homosexual couple in Kolkata and a working-class Muslim mother in the city's slums. It confronts the wayward ways of the heart; it articulates the true price of love; and it tells us what it means to find the road back home.

STROKES OF HISTORY

Paintings of Hampi's monuments are admired by visitors at the ongoing Essence Art Exhibition which bring 24 diverse artists' works together at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

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RAAKSHASA (Kannada)

SI Hanmappa investigates a trail of crocodile attacks on the banks of the Malaprabha. While villagers blame them on ancient myths, the discovery of bloodied remains changes the course of the case.

Cast: Vijay Raghavendra, Avinash, Mayuri Kyatari

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

TU MERI MAIN TERA MAIN TERA TU MERI (Hindi)

A carefree wedding planner and a rule breaking author meet on a week-long trip in Croatia and fall in love. But Ray and Rumi's dreams and responsibilities pull them in different directions, forcing tough choices about love, family and where they truly belong.

Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Ananya Panday, Neena Gupta

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

56 DAYS (English, series)

After a chance supermarket encounter, Oliver and Ciara embark on an intense relationship; when a savagely murdered corpse surfaces 56 days later, the investigation delves into their turbulent love story, revealing grim secrets.

Cast: Dove Cameron; Avan Jogia

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PREGNANCY EXERCISES AT HOME: SAFE WAYS TO STAY ACTIVE

Staying physically active during pregnancy supports both maternal health and fetal well-being when done safely and under medical guidance. For many women, structured home exercises can improve strength, reduce discomfort, and prepare the body for delivery. The key is to choose movements that suit each trimester, stay well hydrated, listen to the body's signals and avoid activities that carry a higher risk of falls or strain.

The benefits of prenatal exercise are well documented. Gentle, regular activity helps manage healthy weight gain and lowers the risk of gestational diabetes and pregnancy-related hypertension. It also improves posture, which can ease common back and hip pain, and supports better circulation, helping to reduce swelling in the legs and feet. Just as importantly, movement plays a role in mood stability, stress reduction and building stamina, all of which can make recovery after delivery smoother.

SAFE HOME EXERCISES BY TRIMESTER:

First Trimester

Focus on gentle strength and mobility:

- Light resistance exercises
- Bird-dog movements for core stability
- Light dumbbell curls or rows

These help maintain muscle tone while avoiding excessive strain

Second Trimester

Emphasise posture and upper-body strength:

- Bent-over fly or light shoulder presses
- Kneeling push-ups
- Side-lying leg lifts
- Gentle stretching for flexibility. Maintaining alignment reduces back and hip discomfort

Third Trimester

Prioritise mobility and circulation:

- Side lunges or supported squats
- Squats and modified lunges
- Tabletop hip lifts
- Modified side plank variations
- Low-impact walking or indoor cycling

Avoid prolonged lying on the back and sudden high-intensity movements. Ultimately, the goal of exercising during pregnancy is not performance or intensity, but confidence, comfort and continuity. A simple, well-chosen routine can help women stay connected to their bodies as they change, maintain a sense of control over their physical well-being and enter childbirth feeling more prepared rather than fatigued.

By Indira CH, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

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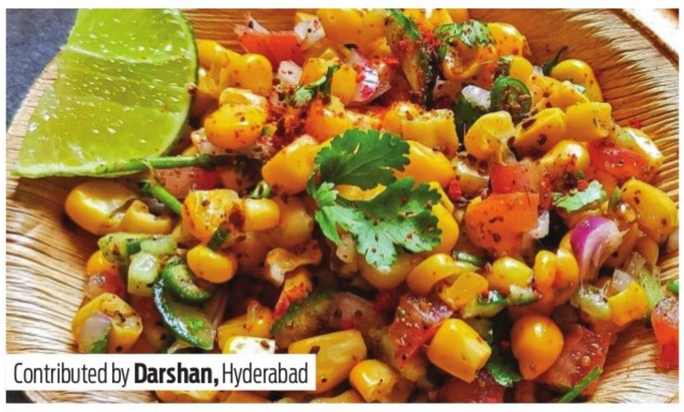

Contributed by **Darshan,** Hyderabad

INGREDIENTS

- **Boiled sweet corn:** 1 cup
- **Finely chopped tomato:** 1 tbsp
- **Chaat masala:** ½ tsp
- **Red chilli powder:** ¼ tsp
- **Finely chopped onion:** 1 tbsp
- **Salt**
- **Lemon juice**
- **Coriander**

METHOD

- Mix corn, onion, tomato, spices, lemon juice and salt. Mix, garnish and serve.

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Seamless Flows

Leave your worries at the dance floor as **Baby J** and **Tye Turner** bring their signature back-to-back set for their debut in the city. Join for a night of high-energy selections and underground sound.

WHEN: February 21, 7.45pm onwards
WHERE: Sunburn Union, Koramangala
DETAILS: district.in

Comically Hilarious

Dive into a power-packed evening as comics **Rakesh Addlakha**, Rishabh Tiwari and Deepak Sharma deliver razor-sharp honesty in this stand-up comedy show. Join as they take you on a journey from the chaos of middle-class family drama and office life to the nuances of modern love.

WHEN: February 22, 6pm onwards
WHERE: Ministry Of Comedy, Koramangala
DETAILS: ministryofcomedy.in

Immersive Creations

Soak in the beauty of original artwork by Khusbu Goyal. Explore a collection of personal works inspired by nature,romance and traditional Indian art forms which reflect creative depth.

WHEN: February 21, 3pm
WHERE: TreeHouse, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Season's Festivities

Experience pre-Ramzan cultural and shopping exhibitions at Daawat-e-Ramzaan. Shop at stalls showcasing ethnic fashion and home décor, alongside a food court with live stalls from Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

WHEN: February 27 to March 1, 6.30pm onwards
WHERE: Gayatri Vihar, Palace Grounds
CALL: 87929 22986

Wine N Dine

Savour an unconventional tasting led by Sommelier Devati Mallick. The evening features five imported wines paired with Pan-Asian small plates, offering a community-style experience where every pour tells a story.

WHEN: February 21, 5pm onwards
WHERE: Yazu Pan Asian Supper Club, St Mark's Road
CALL: 74119 94448

Theatrical Tales

View a presentation of the Kannada play *Maava Maava, Kathe Kelu* by Rangarasadhare theatre group. Directed by Vijay Kashyap KS, the play revolves around a charismatic politician and astute businessman, and promises to leave audiences in tears of laughter.

WHEN: February 21, 7pm
WHERE: Seva Sadan Auditorium, Malleswaram
CALL: 85508 30610

Illuminating Reads

Join for games and a book discussion of *Notes From Underground* by Dostoevsky. Meet fellow readers from the community and discuss the month's selection.

WHEN: February 22, 4pm
WHERE: BLR Design Centre, Church Street
DETAILS: blrdesigncentre.com

Spice Soiree

Relish a legacy dish, Mamsa Pulav at the 10th anniversary celebration of this Bengaluru restaurant. Experience time-honoured techniques and spices which bring heritage and passion together on a plate. **WHEN:** February 22, 11am onwards **WHERE:** Tasting Room – Bengaluru Oota Company, Ulsoor
CALL: 94483 02628

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Artist Anjali Shekhar's art imagines a stress-free life amid green and blue

NUGGETS

City restaurant celebrates Lunar New Year with curated menu

Shao, Marathahalli, is celebrating the Lunar New Year with the Spring Jade Festival, a limited-period culinary showcase available till March 3. The restaurant is presenting a curated seven-course set menu that brings together symbolic dishes associated with prosperity and longevity, like honey chilli lotus stem, Sichuan spicy chicken, wonton kaffir lime soup and many more. The menu also includes desserts like mango coconut sago and banana fritters with coconut ice cream. The experience starts at ₹2,199++. For reservations, call 81052 32975.

Food fest celebrates Hyderabadi cuisine

Paradise brings 'Jashn-e-Haleem 2026' back to town, serving Hyderabadi Haleem from February 17 to March 31 from 11am onwards. The food fest is live across all outlets for dine-in and takeaway and is also available on major online food delivery platforms. Besides mutton haleem, other highlight includes chicken haleem, which is prepared using time-honoured methods.

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INDIAWOOD 2026 Gears Up to Power India's Growth in Woodworking and Furniture Production

Set for Record Expansion as India-EU 'Mother of All Deals' Boosts Market Access for Woodworking & Furniture Manufacturing

From 26 February to 2 March 2026, Bengaluru will once again become the epicentre for the global woodworking and furniture manufacturing industry as INDIAWOOD 2026 returns to the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). Organised by NürnbergMesse India, the 26th edition of the biennial event reinforces INDIAWOOD's position as the Global Summit for Woodworking, Furniture Production and Mattress Manufacturing. The event is further supported by EUMABOIS, the European Federation of Woodworking Machinery Manufacturers.

Bajaj General Insurance launches 'NRInsure', offering 35% premium discount for NRIs

Bajaj General Insurance Limited (formerly known as Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited), one of India's leading private general insurers, today announced the launch of NRInsure, a new add-on offering to its flagship retail health insurance product, My Health Care Plan (MHCP). Designed for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs), the add-on offers a 35% discount on the base policy premium across MHCP plans.

Speaking about the launch, Mr. Amarnath Saxena, Chief Technical Officer – Commercial, Bajaj General Insurance, said, "For many NRIs, India remains home, not just emotionally, but also when it comes to long-term healthcare planning and preparing for a return to India.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SYED SAYEED PASHA, residing at No. 51, 9th Cross, 1st Main, CL Ramaiah Layout, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SYED SAYEED PASHA** to **(NEW NAME) SYED SAYED PASHA** vide affidavit dated 19.02.2026 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SYED GHOUSE JABBAR S/o Mr. SYED JABBAR, Age About 53 years, Residing at No: 46, 4TH CROSS, 1ST MAIN ROAD, BRUNDAVAN LAYOUT, OPP RAMDEV MEDICAL, KAVALBYSANDRA BANGALORE – 560032. have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) SYED GHOUSE JABBAR to (NEW NAME) SYED SHAHABUDIN** Vide affidavit dated 18/02/2026 sworn before Notary C Sharada, Bsc,LLB,D Pharma BA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) VANITHA PUTTASWAMY W/o Srinivasa Prasad D., Residing at No.1502, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar, Nadanahalli Mysore, Alanahalli Mysore 570028, have changed My Name from **(OLD NAME) VANITHA PUTTASWAMY TO (NEW NAME) VANITHA PRASAD PUTTASWAMY** vide affidavit dated 18-10-2025 sworn before Notary H.R. Karunakara, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHRUTHI SRINATH CHAKRAVARTHY, W/o. R Sampath Narayanan, Aged about 27 years, resident of No.492, Kanakagiri, 3rd Floor, 4th Main Road, Maruthi Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **SHRUTHI SRINATH CHAKRAVARTHY** to **SHRUTHI CHAKRAVARTHY,** vide affidavit dated 19-02-2026 sworn before notary H.G. Padmanabha

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **PALAGIRI JAYA SANKAR REDDY, LEBAKU AZITHA** both residing at Flat No. 204, Srivari Vista Apartment, Mangammanapalya Main Road, 9th Main, HSR layout, Sector-7, Bangalore 560068 hereby state that in our minor daughters **RUCHIKA REDDY PALAGIRI's** school record the Fathers's name is mentioned as **P JAYA SANKAR REDDY** instead of **PALAGIRI JAYA SANKAR REDDY**, Mother's Name is mentioned as **L AZITHA** instead of **LEBAKU AZITHA**. Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 18-02-2026 before Notary A.S. Narayana Reddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) AKANSHA PRIYADARSHINI,** daughter of NO.JC-805291W, SUB MAJ, PONKAJ DUTTA, residing at Vill: Bharalua Tiniali, Post: Bharalua Tiniali, Tehsil: Jakaichuk, Dist: Sibsagar, State: ASSAM, PIN: 785664, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) AKANKSHA PRIYADARSHINI** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MADHURI K S,** D/o SUBBARAMAN K A, residing at A1106, Aryan Opulence, Uttarahalli Main Road, next to Shell Petrol Bunk, Hemmigepura Ward, R R Nagar, Bangalore – 560060, do hereby solemnly declare that **MADHURI K S (MADHURI KARANAM SUBBARAMAN)** and **MADHURI S (MADHURI SUBBARAMAN)** both the names are one and the same.I further declare that I have changed my name from **MADHURI S (MADHURI SUBBARAMAN)** to **MADHURI K S (MADHURI KARANAM SUBBARAMAN)** vide Affidavit dated 17.02.2026, sworn before Notary P K. Nalinakshi, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K. AHILA,** D/o Mr. N. Kandaswamy, age 48 eyars, R/at #8A, 2nd Main Road, SRS Layout, Keregudddhahalli, Chikkabanawara Post, Bengaluru-560 090 do hereby declare that I have changed my name ie. **AHILA RAVICHANDRAN** to **K AHILA** and both the names refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **K. AHILA** for all purpose, vide affidavit dated 18th February 2026, sworn before Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAHIDA BHAGAWAN, W/o Ladajee Bhagawan, aged about 30 years, R/at C/o ladajee Bhagawan, Bhantnur, Vijayapura, karnataka-586123, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BAGWAN RAMJANBI ALLABKSH** to **SHAHIDA BHAGAWAN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHAHIDA BHAGAWAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, 1). BALAJI RAO, S/O Srinivasa.A.S, aged about 54 years, **2). SUSHMA BALAJI RAO AVANTHKAR** W/o Balaji Rao, aged about 47 years, both are Residing at Flat No. 102, Ground Floor, Gurram's Anjali Residency, Plot No.6, 1st Main Road, Defence Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru- 560097, have changed our minor daughter's name from **KEERTANA B** to **KEERTHANA B AVANTHKAR,** vide affidavit dated 20/2/2026 sworn to before B Chitra Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHOJA VITTAL KUNDER, aged 59 years [born on 24.06.1966), S/o. Mr. Vittala Salian, residing at No.21, 4th Cross, Horamavu Agara Main Road, Vaddarapalaya, Bangalore -560043, have changed my name to **BHOJA KUNDER** vide affidavit dated 20-02-2026 before advocate and notary N. Kanchivaradaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,THADDEUS ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE, S/o. Late. Alfonso De Albuquerque, aged about 49 years, Residing at No.523, 3rd Cross, 17th E Main Road, KHB Colony, Koramangala 5th Block, Bengaluru 560095, I further state and declare that **THADDEUS ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE and THADDEUS ALFONSO** are one and the same and belongs to me only. I state that, hereafter I would like to be known and called as **THADDEUS ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE.** Vide Affidavit dated:18/2/2026 Advocate and notary by **BR Shashikala.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.16122042K, HAV, KUMBHAR JITENDRA KUMAR PRAMOD KUMAR, residing at #53, Bhargav Road, Babu Singh Ki Chali, Chandan Nagar, Kuber Nagar, Ahmedabad 382340, Gujarat, Have Changed My Father **(OLD NAME) KUMBHAR PRAMODKUMAR** to **(NEW NAME) PRAJAPATI PRAMODKUMAR** And Mother **(OLD NAME) KANTIDEVI PRAMOD KUMAR P** to **(NEW NAME) KANTI PRAJAPATI** And **DOB** from **06.07.1973** to **01.01.1976** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHIRAJ MAL PORWAL**, Son of Late G. Jawahar Lal, Aged about 65 years, (D.O.B. : 06.01.1961) presently residing at C/o. Manjula Park West, Maple Tower, Wing 'C' Flat No. 2003 1/1, Binnypet, Hosakere Road, Near ETA Mall, Bengaluru - 560 023, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DHIRAJ MAL .J** to **DHIRAJ MAL PORWAL** vide affidavit dated 17.02.2026 sworn to before S. Venkatasubba Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MURAGESH DHULASHETTI,** aged about 31 years, S/o. Mallikarjun, Flat No. 101, Shri Sai Krupa Apartment, 1st Main, Upadhyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru-560056, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MURAGESH MALLIKARJUN DHULASHETTI** to **MURAGESH DHULASHETTI,** vide affidavit dated 20.02.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SATHISH KUMAR M, S/o Sri Mallaiah M, aged about 48 years, residing at No. 298, 50 feet road, 1st Stage, Basaveshwaranagara, Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060. I state that my name mentioned in SSLC Marks Card as **"SATEESH KUMARA M"**, in Aadhar card, PAN Card, D.L., Bank Pass Book as **"SATHISH KUMAR M"** both the names belongs to same person. Hence the correct name is **SATHISH KUMAR M** Vide affidavit dated **20.02.2026** sworn in before **T.C. Thimmaraja B.A., L.L.B.,** Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, 1). BALAJI RAO, S/o Srinivasa.A.S, aged about 54 years, **2). SUSHMA BALAJI RAO** AVANTHKAR W/o Balaji Rao, aged about 47 years, both are Residing at Flat No. 102, Ground Floor, Gurram's Anjali Residency, Plot No.6, 1st Main Road, Defence Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru- 560097, have changed our minor son's name from **NISHANT B** to **NISHANT B AVANTHKAR,** vide affidavit dated 20/2/2026 sworn to before B Chitra Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PUNITHA PRABHAKARAN,** aged about 40 years, D/o Mr. Gouthaman Nagaiyasamy, W/o Mr. Prabhakaran Thiyagarajan, Presently R/at No. 108, Green Leaf Avenue, Nagappa Reddy Layout, Kaggadasapura, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093, Permanent Address: O No. 23, N No. 73, Palace Street, Periyakulam P.O. Theni Dist. Tamil Nadu-625 601, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PUNITHA PRABHAKARAN** to **PUNITHA GOUTHAMAN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PUNITHA GOUTHAMAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.C. THAMMANNAGOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HARIPRAKASH J R**, S/o Ramesh J residing at No.362, 3rd Block 4th Main, 13th Cross, BEL Layout Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560097 do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **HARI PRAKASH J R** alias **HARI PRAKASH** to **HARIPRAKASH J R**. Henceforth, my name shall be known and called as **HARIPRAKASH J R** only, vide affidavit dated 19/02/2026 sworn before advocate & notary K C Pemmaiah, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAZLIN.M,** Daughter of MOHAMMED ZABIULLA and NAJMA BEGUM, aged about 39 years, Date of Birth: 01.09.1987, residing at Kanakapura Main Road, Gandhinagara, Kaggalipura, Bengaluru-560 082, I have changed my name from **SHAZLIN.M to SHAHNAAZ,** vide Affidavit date 16/2/26 Advocate and notary by **Prakasha C**

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Manjunath K. Udupa ,** Aged 77 years, R/at Flat No.B1-304, Kailash BDA Apartment, Valagerahalli, Bangalore South, Bengaluru - 560 060, I state that in my Old Passport my name is wrongly mentioned as **Manjunath Udupa Kukkenahalli.** I declare that my correct name is **MANJUNATH K. UDUPA.** I request the concerned authorities to kindly update and rectify my name as **MANJUNATH K. UDUPA** Vide affidavit dated 19.02.2026 sworn before Advocate & Notary K. K. Devaki , Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KRISHNACHARYA**, S/o. TIRUMALACHARYA, residing at No. 34061, Prestige Falcon City, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Road, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KRISHNACHARYA JOSHI** to **KRISHNACHARYA,** vide affidavit dated 18.02.2026, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Rural, District.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ADITHYA SHARMA,** aged about 22 years, S/o. C B AHOBALA RAO, No. 122, Sri Lakshminarasimha Nilaya, 13th Cross, Pavamana Nagar, Gotigere, Bengaluru-560083, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ADITHYA SHARMA CHIKAMARANAHALLI AHOBALARAO** to **ADITHYA SHARMA,** vide affidavit dated 20.02.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHANRAJ JAMMALAMADUGU UMESH,** S/o J N Umesh, aged about 33 years, and resident at Shreekara, No. 24, 6th Main, 2nd Cross, Bahubali Nagar, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-560013 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DHANRAJ JAMMALAMADUGU** to **DHANRAJ JAMMALAMADUGU UMESH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **DHANRAJ JAMMALAMADUGU UMESH,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19/02/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRAKALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Lalit Kumar Agarwalla father of minor child Tushar Lalit Kumar Agarwala, aged 12 years, residing at L&T Raintree Boulevard Apartment, Tower-15, Flat No. 404, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092, have changed my son's name from **Tushar Lalit Kumar Agarwalla to Tushar Agarwalla** vide Affidavit dated 18-02-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary C.N. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

LOST

LOST

I, Khadijah Rinad, #18/2, Kenchappa Road, Pulikeshinagar, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. I have Lost My Original Statement of Marks and Transfer Certificate issued after passing ICSE from St. Charles High School in the year 2025. Unique ID - 8646999. If anybody found please inform me. Mobile: 9731610420, or to the Nearest Police Station.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHAKSHINA MURTHY M,** S/o Late Manickam, residing at No.24, Anugruha Nivaash, Somanna Garden, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097, do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **DAKSHINA MURTHY** alias **DHAKSHINA MURTHY M** alias **M DHAKSHINA MURTHY** to **DHAKSHINA MURTHY M**. Henceforth, my name shall be known and called as **DHAKSHINA MURTHY M** only, vide affidavit dated 19/02/2026, sworn before advocate & notary K C Pemmaiah, at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **POORNIMA RAVISHANKAR** W/o. Late Shri. K.S.Ravi Shankar residing at No.37-38, Gurudarshan Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore 560 097.I have changed my name from **POORNIMA to POORNIMA RAVISHANKAR** vide Affidavit Date 18/2/26 Advocate and notary by **B Chitra**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMANDA HUNTER,** aged about 42 years, daughter of Mr. Quentin Dale Hunter, currently residing at #88/16, 2nd Cross, Borewell Road, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'AMANDA YVONNE CAROLINE HUNTER'** to **'AMANDA HUNTER',** for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated 20.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Yankoba, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **C.P. FATHIMA,** W/o Kunjali Tevungal, age 68 years, R/at No. 39, Ali Manzil, 1st Main, 3rd Street, Bank Avenue Colony, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560 043 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **S. MAHABOOB BI** and **C.P. FATHIMA** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name from **S. MAHABOOB BI** to **C.P. FATHIMA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **C.P. FATHIMA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **FAHIM UNNISA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHANTHAMMA,** D/o Anjinappa, age 33 years, R/at No. 14/2, 5th Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Nagashettihalli, near Yellamma Temple, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 094 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHANTHAMMA** to **SUSHMITHA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUSHMITHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SUMITHRA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No. 14569552X, EX-Naik Natesh Kumar B, residing of VPO-Biligere, Biligere Post, Kibbanahalli Hobli, Tiptur Tq, Dist-Tumkur, Karnataka-572114, have changed my daughter name from **NESARGA BN** to **NISARGA B N** vide Affidavit dated: 19/02/2026 before the Prl. Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, Tiptur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Varadharaju Muniyappa, residing at No. 89, Raj Manor 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Bhadrappa Layout, Maruthi Nagar, R.M.V. Extension 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560094, have changed my name to **VARADARAJU M** vide affidavit dated 18-02-2026 before notary H.K. Gopalagowda, Bengaluru.

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I, **PRACHI MAHALE**, W/o Prasad Waman Mahale, R/o H - 1602, Godrej Air And Nxt, Hoodi Main Road, Opp to Hoodi Metro Station, Bengaluru -560048 have permanently changed my name from **PRACHI MAHALE** to **PRACHI PRASAD MAHALE** vide affidavit dated 20/02/2026, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRASAD MAHALE**, S/o Waman Govind Mahale, R/o H-1602, Godrej Air And Nxt, Hoodi Main Road, Opp to Hoodi Metro Station, Bengaluru -560048 have permanently changed my name from **PRASAD MAHALE** to **PRASAD WAMAN MAHALE** vide affidavit dated 20/02/2026 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **RAJU MIRAZDHAR** AND **JULIET RANI**, Residents at Flat No. B1-503, SNN Raj Greenbay Behind Tech Mahindra, Electronic City Phase-2, Bengaluru–560100 have changed our child's name from **JOHANNA** to **JOHANNA RAJU**, vide affidavit dated 18.02.2026, sworn before notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) AMODHA,** mother of NO.JC-813086K, NB/SUB, S ASHOK KUMAR, residing at Door #9-51, Bazaar Street, Pakala (Post), Chittoor (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 517112, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) S AMUDHA,** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HIYA VIJAY KUMAR DOSHI,** D/o. Vijay Kumar Shantilal Doshi, resident of Mulberry A, 1101, Park West, 11th Floor, Hosakere Road, Binny Fields, Binnypet, Bangalore North Po., Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HIYA DOSHI** to **HIYA VIJAY KUMAR DOSHI,** vide affidavit dated 17.02.2026, sworn to before Mamatha .N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHANNABASAYYA PUTTAYYA HULIKATTI,** S/o. Puttayya, and residing at KADAKOAL SAVANUR HAVERI-581205, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANABASAYYA P HULIKATTI** to **CHANNABASAYYA PUTTAYYA HULIKATTI**, vide affidavit dated 18.02.2026, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Rural, District.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Syed Naseer Ahmed**, aged about 72 years, S/o. Abdul Suban Saheb, residing at 8th Main, Gurappanapalya, Bannerghatta Road Cross, Bengaluru-560029, Karnataka State, India, now at Ramanagara, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Naseer Ahmed** to **Syed Naseer Ahmed,** vide affidavit dated 20.02.2026, sworn to before T.V. Indira, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **A INDIRA** W/o **K N Shankarappa,** residing at No.114, 16th Cross, Near R M V Hospital, AECS Layout, Geddalahalli, RMV Extn II Stage, Bangalore - 560094, Karnataka, state that my names **A INDIRA, A INDRAMMA, INDRAMMA A, INDRAMMA ANJENE GOWDA** and **A INDIRA SHANKARAPPA** pertains to one and same person i.e. **A INDIRA** (Real and Final Name) sworn vide affidavit dated 18-02-2026 before Notary **R BASAVARAJA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHREYA DEEPTHI,** D/o. Nanda Ramesh Kumar and Nanda Usha Rani, residing at No. 7, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, Sharada Residency, BHEL 2nd Stare, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru- 560098, have changed my name from **SHREYA DEEPTHI to NANDA SREYA DEEPTHI,** vide affidavit dated: 18/02/2026, sworn before Notary Public, B. SESHAGIRI Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **NANDA SREYA DEEPTHI** for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) NK RATNAMMA,** mother of NO.6495229A, HAV, RAJESH P V, residing at Puzhayil Padingrathil (House), Kariyambadi (Vill), Kariyambadi (Post), Vythiri (Tehsil), Wayanad (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 673591, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) RATHNAMMA N K** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRIKANTH H**, aged about 36 years, S/o. Hanumegowda, residing at #68, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Seetharama Road, Near Raghavendra Swamy Matta, Hanumantnagar, Banagalore-560019, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SREEKANTH R** to **SRIKANTH H,** vide affidavit dated 19.02.2026, sworn to before Mohammed Hussain K, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARCHANA CHANNAPATANA SATYANARAYANA**, W/o. Rajendra Joshi, residing at No. 34061, Prestige Falcon City, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Road, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ARCHANA CHANPATNA SATYANARAYANA JOSHI** to **ARCHANA CHANNAPATANA SATYANARAYANA,** vide affidavit dated 18.02.2026, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Rural, District.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GAYATHRI RAGHUNATH,** W/o P S Raghunath, age 60 years, R/o No. 45, 2nd Cross, Narayananagara 1st Block, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GAYATHRI P** to **P S RAGHUNATH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **P S RAGHUNATH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, THARUN .U, S/o M UMA SHANKAR, aged about 18 years, R/at No.290, 9th Cross, Prakashnagar, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, do hereby declare that both the my father names i.e. **M UMA SHANKAR** and **UMA SHANKAR M** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **M UMA SHANKAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA .N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shivanand Murigeppa Jigajinni, S/o Murigeppa Siddappa Jigajinni, residing at No.815, 1st Phase, 8th Main, 4th Stage BEML Layout, Near Prakruti/Crazy Park, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098, have changed my name from **Shivanand Murigeppa Jigajinni to Shivanand Jigajinni** via affidavit dated 07 Feb 2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary S.R. Thulasikrishna, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRACHI MAHALE**, W/o Prasad Waman Mahale, R/o H - 1602, Godrej Air And Nxt, Hoodi Main Road, Opp to Hoodi Metro Station, Bengaluru -560048 have permanently changed my name from **PRACHI MAHALE** to **PRACHI PRASAD MAHALE** vide affidavit dated 20/02/2026, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRASAD MAHALE**, S/o Waman Govind Mahale, R/o H-1602, Godrej Air And Nxt, Hoodi Main Road, Opp to Hoodi Metro Station, Bengaluru -560048 have permanently changed my name from **PRASAD MAHALE** to **PRASAD WAMAN MAHALE** vide affidavit dated 20/02/2026 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) BALACHANDRAN A** (alias A Balachandran), S/o Balakrishnan K, Residing at A104, Mantri Elite Apts, Bengaluru 560076, Karnataka State, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) BALACHANDRAN ALATHOOR,** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bengaluru, for all purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NIDA KHAN**, W/o. Sri Nusrat Khan, aged about 49 years, residing at No. 20, 3rd Floor, Masjid Street, Opp. Akbari Masjid, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-560047, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAMA PARWIN** to **NIDA KHAN,** vide affidavit dated 20.02.2026, sworn to before B. Hanumantharaya, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BIMLA DEVI** mother (Dependent) of Sandeep Kumar resident of 119/1, 6th Camp Air Force Station Jalahalli East, Bengaluru - 560013, have changed my name from **BIMLA DEVI** to **BIMLA,** vide Affidavit Dated 18/02/2026 Before Advocate and Notary **S PRAKASH** No. 7865/09 Bangalore Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRINIVASA REDDY,** S/o L. Kasi Reddy, age 47 years, R/at NO. 1451, 1st Main, 1st Cross Judicial Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 065 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **NEERAV REDDY B** to **BIIJJAM NEERAV REDDY,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **BIIJJAM NEERAV REDDY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Narendra C.P,** S/o Puttaramaiah, aged about 26 years R/o No.61, Vinayakanagara, Siddanahosahalli Village, Madanayakanahalli, Post, Bangalore, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name to **Narendra** from **Narendra C.P.** and further declare that my mother's name, **Radhamma,** inplace of my father's name in all my personal, educational, and official records. Henceforth I shall be known as **Narendra S/o Radhamma,** for all purposes, vide Affidavit dated 20-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N.K. LAKSHMANA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ROSE MARY,** W/o. Shri. (Late) Arokiya Dass, and Mother of RAHUL PAUL A. (D-o-B: 12/11/2008), residing at Telegraph Street, Venkateshpuram, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru- 560 045, Karnataka India, have changed my minor son's name from **ALEXANDER RAHUL PAUL A. to RAHUL PAUL A.,** video affidavit Sl. No.129, Pg. 12, Vol. 1, dated: 20/02/2026, sworn before Notary Public, T. C. THIMMARAJA, Bangalore. Henceforth, my son shall be known as **RAHUL PAUL A.** for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) PRATHIKA MS,** Spouse of NO.JC-313414K, SUB, SACHIN MU, residing at House No.3708, 3rd Block, Thendz Whispering Woods Apartments, Bogadi, Mysore (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 570026, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PRATHIKA AB** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.02.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Gokul Ramakrishnan**, Son of Ramakrishnan Janakiraman, Aged about 40 years, residing at No. 621, 2C Cross, 6th A Main, HRBR Layout 2nd Block, Bangalore - 560 043, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Gokulakrishnan Ramakrishnan** to **Gokul Ramakrishnan** vide affidavit dated 18.02.2026 sworn to before Y.R. Chandrasekar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **LINGAMMA** W/o. Late Puttamadaiah, Major, residing at No. 15, Opp. D.K. Agency, 47th Cross, 10th Main Road, J.P. Nagar, 2nd Phase, Marenahalli, Bengaluru-560078, do hereby declare that my correct and proper name is **LINGAMMA** and not **NINGAMMA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19.02.2026, sworn to before Aruna .V, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. MADHUMATHI A R,** W/o Manjunatha Rao, age 39 years, R/at NO. 144, 12th Cross Main Road, HSR Layout, II Sector, Somasundarapalya, Bangalore-560102 do hereby declare that in my son **M M PRITHAM** school record my name is mentioned as **MADHUMATHI** instead of **MADHUMATHI A R,** both the names i.e. **MADHUMATHI** and **MADHIMATHI A R** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 19-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LAKSHMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MURALI KRISHNA GUDIWADA S/o. Hari Babu Naidu Gudiwada, aged around 34 years, Aadhar No. 8618 9639 1104, Resident at No. 26/27, G K Prime, 5th Floor, Flat No. 401, 4th Main, Uttarahalli Main Road, Near Karnataka Bank, Bangalore - 560061. I declare that below mentioned both names **MURALI KRISHNA G** and **MURALI KRISHNA GUDIWADA** names belongs to one and the same person (i.e. My Name), vide affidavit dated 19/2/2026 sworn to before S N Madhu Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAFEEK S. Y.,** S/o. Yusoof S., Profession: Self-employed, residing at Chikkasathigala Village, Near Azad Road Anganwadi Kendra, Arakere Post, Sakleshpur Taluk, Hassan-573134, Karnataka India, have changed my name from **RAFEEK S. Y. to RAFEEQ S. Y. (i.e. Rafeeq Sathigala Yusoof),** vide affidavit Sl. No. 128, Pg. 12, Vol. 1, dated: 20/02/2026, sworn before Notary Public, T. C. THIMMARAJA, Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **RAFEEQ S. Y.** for all future purposes.

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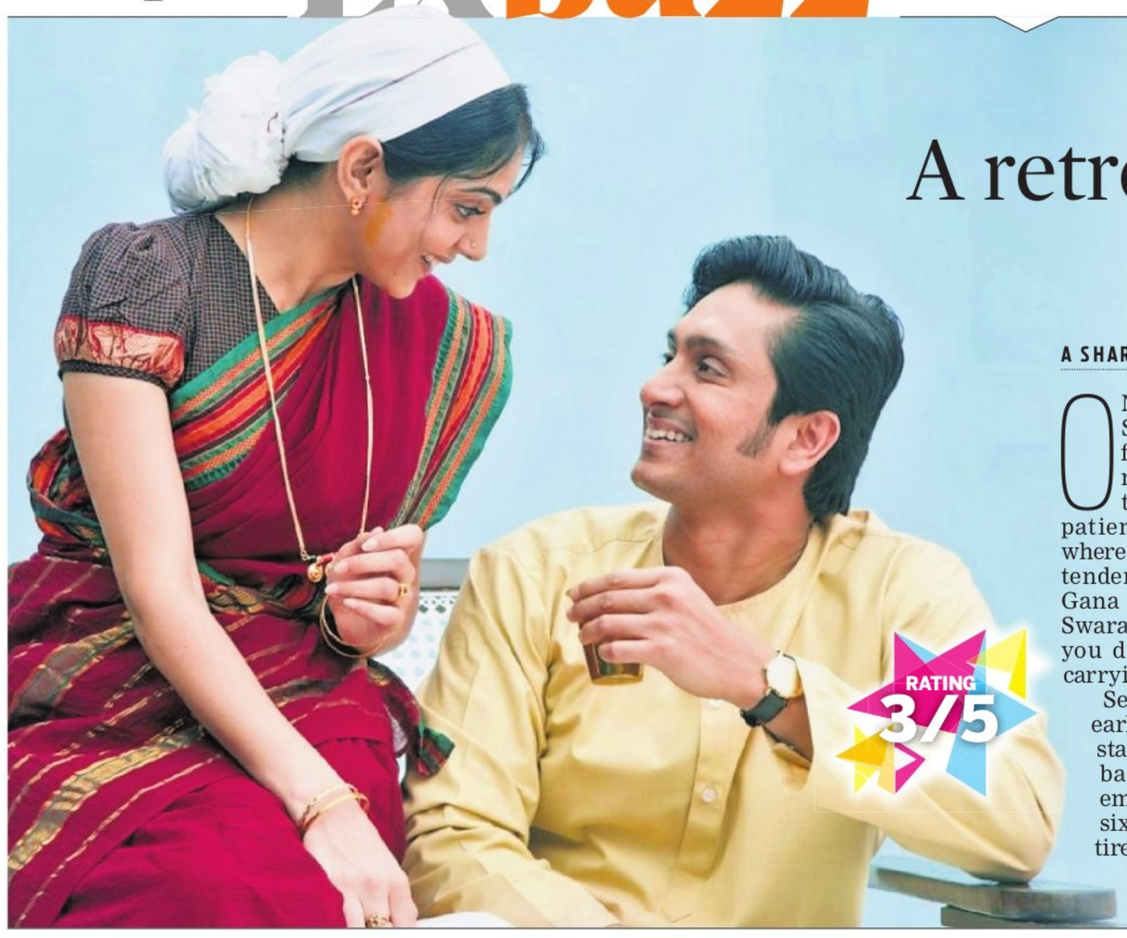


A retro tale of love and parenthood

A SHARADHAA

ONE slips into the world of Sarala and Subbarao before realising it. The film moves like a quiet page-turner unfolding with the patience of a Triveni story, where emotions surface slowly, tenderly. Based on Vasantha Gana and directed by Manju Swaraj, it feels like a memory you did not know you were carrying.

Set in the mid-1960s and early 1970s, the India–Pakistan war hums softly in the background. Section 156 empties the streets after six, power cuts swallow entire evenings, and radio bulletins instill fear into homes. Amid this quiet, the film asks: when nations fight, who becomes the real soldier in the house? Often, it is the woman.

Subbarao, fondly called Subbu (Kishna Ajai Rao), is an English professor whose calm routine is unsettled when he meets Sarala (Misha Narang), a young woman whose gentle presence quietly draws him in. Their bond grows with patience, in moments of anticipation, small smiles, and the delicate beginnings of love.

As their relationship unfolds, they marry and build a life together. The film dwells on the everyday, showing how love deepens through shared responsibilities, ordinary gestures, and the rhythm of domestic life. Subbu watches Sarala step into motherhood, seeing her strength and the quiet changes it brings, while their mutual care deepens in subtle, intimate ways.

SARALA SUBBARAO
Director: Manju Swaraj
Cast: Krishna Ajai Rao, Misha Narang, Rangayana Raghu, Veena Sundar, Vijay Chendur, Raghu Ramannakoppa, and Ramakrishna

Ajai Rao is quietly compelling as Subbu, moving from shy admirer to devoted partner with gentle conviction. Misha Narang, in her debut, radiates an unforced warmth, inhabiting Sarala fully. Rangayana Raghu and Veena Sundar lend familiar comfort, Vijay Chendoor and Raghu Ramanakoppa bring soft humour, and Rama Krishna's brief presence anchors fatherhood with weight. Special appearances by Rishika Naik and Shree add small, thoughtful touches.

Ajaneesh Loknath's score carries the 1970s nostalgia with a delicate hand, never overstating, only suggesting. Some dialogues echo the theatricality of the era, and the cinematography flows effortlessly between classrooms, corridors, and home, capturing love that grows in quiet increments.

Sarala Subbarao feels retro not through costumes or props, but because it believes in waiting, in a look held a moment too long, in love that blossoms softly. By the end, it does not feel like a film you have watched; it feels like you have stepped into someone's preserved memory. In that gentle shift, their bond deepens, richer and tender with each passing day. In a country at war, the story reminds us that parenthood belongs to both mother and father, and that for a woman, giving life is a quiet battle and a kind of rebirth of her own. Sadly, stories like this are rarely experienced in today's life, or on screen. But just as Triveni's novels quietly captured such lives, this film too deserves to find a place in our hearts.

Rittvikk Mathad and Chaithra Achar lead a love-betrayal drama with quiet strength

A SHARADHAA

MAARNAMI
Director: Rishith Shetty
Cast: Ritvvikk Mathad, Chaithra Achar, Prakash Thuminad, Sonu Gowda, Jyothish Shetty, Suman, and Swaraj Shetty

THE opening frame of *Maarnami* shows white letters stained with blood, marking its emotional tone right from the word go. Composer Charan Raj sets the mood with a rustic score that connects immediately to the coastal setting. The tone is clear. This story is not just about violence or romance, but about the forces that shape both.

Set during the coastal festival of Hulivesha, the tiger dance serves as the film's central image. Hulivesha involves paint, costume and transformation. But the larger question persists. Who is truly in disguise? The performer, the lover, or the society that labels and judges?

Director Rishith Shetty begins with a childhood marble game. A young Chetu faces teasing, and in that small humiliation lies the start of a delicate pride. He draws a family portrait on a slate. His father's absence speaks louder than any words. His mother (Sonu Gowda) becomes his only source of warmth and ritual. Their home is full of promises tied to Hulivesha. Faith sits alongside fear. Chetu prays for her health with the stubborn belief of a child who thinks devotion can change fate. It does not.

Loss shapes him early. Later, under the care of Vasantha (Prakash Thuminad), Chetu grows into a man with quiet influence. Two decades later, Chetu (Rittvikk Mathad) is composed and restrained. Minor gang ties and local power dynamics define his public image. Inside, he remains the boy who wanted a complete family picture. Into this guarded life steps Deeksha (Chaithra Achar). Her love is not naive. She chooses Chetu with clarity. She sees the man beneath the reputation. Where his world feels emotionally dry, she brings warmth and new life. Their relationship forms the backbone of the film. It is a negotiation between past wounds and present hope.

Yet *Maarnami* points to something more unsettling. Love can steady a man who has known only absence. Betrayal can awaken something far more dangerous. The film does not announce this turn. It allows it to emerge gradually. As loyalties blur and trust begins to fracture, Chetu stands at a crossroads shaped by affection and anger. In that journey, love and violence begin to reflect each other, both rising from the same need to belong.

Rishith Shetty builds the story around perception. Deeksha looks past labels. Chetu seeks not power but a simple family life. The emotional debate of the film rests here. Can love soften a man shaped by loss and judgment, or does betrayal push him back to instinct?

Rittvikk Mathad delivers a performance grounded in restraint. His Chetu expresses more through pauses and watchful eyes than through dialogue. The world around him may see aggression, but the camera catches hesitation. That contrast holds the story together. Chaithra Achar matches him with a performance that carries weight. She moves through shifting shades with control, inviting empathy one moment and prompting doubt the next.

The rivalries within the tiger dance troupes add another dimension to the narrative. Painted faces conceal pride and resentment. An accidental photograph, an obituary poster and a dog's cry act as quiet warnings. Prakash Thuminad provides emotional grounding in a role that quietly shapes the course of events.

Technically, the film remains solid. Charan Raj's score supports without overwhelming. The coastal visuals by Shiva Sena balance beauty with grit, and production designer Varadaraj recreates the *Maarnami* festivities with authentic detail. Hulivesha functions not just as a backdrop but as a reflection of the characters' inner conflicts.

The slow-burn approach works for most of the film, though the latter half could have been tighter to maintain emotional intensity. Still, *Maarnami* blends culture, love and conflict within a vivid coastal setting. Beneath the tiger paint stands a boy who once drew a family picture on a slate. That unfinished drawing becomes the film's most enduring image.

RATING 3/5

A GROUNDED PROCEDURAL THAT GOES A STEP AHEAD OF ITS PREDECESSOR

A SHARADHAA

SECOND Case of Seetharam, directed by Devi Prasad Shetty, does not just continue a story. It deepens it. If Seetharam Binoy introduced us to an honest inspector, this sequel pushes him into darker waters where crime is not only violent but psychological.

Set in the misty Malenadu region, the film begins with a series of brutal murders. One victim shows over 55 stab wounds. This is not a crime of impulse; it feels like an obsession. The autopsy suggests an antisocial mind, yet the film does not settle for simple answers. It keeps the question alive, and that is where the tension builds.

Inspector Seetharam, played by Vijay Raghavendra, tackles the case as a thoughtful officer. There are no dramatic shortcuts or loud heroics. He relies on evidence, doubt, and mounting pressure. Each time he thinks he is close to the truth, another body turns up. The illusion of progress shatters. Inside the department, whispers grow. Media scrutiny tightens. A case like this can leave a permanent mark on a career.

The screenplay captures the realities of policing. An arrest does not mean closure. Suspicion does not equal proof. A small receipt becomes significant. In investigations, even a forgotten slip of paper can reopen timelines. The missing service gun adds a sense of vulnerability. When an officer struggles to hold his ground, a larger question arises. What does protection truly mean?

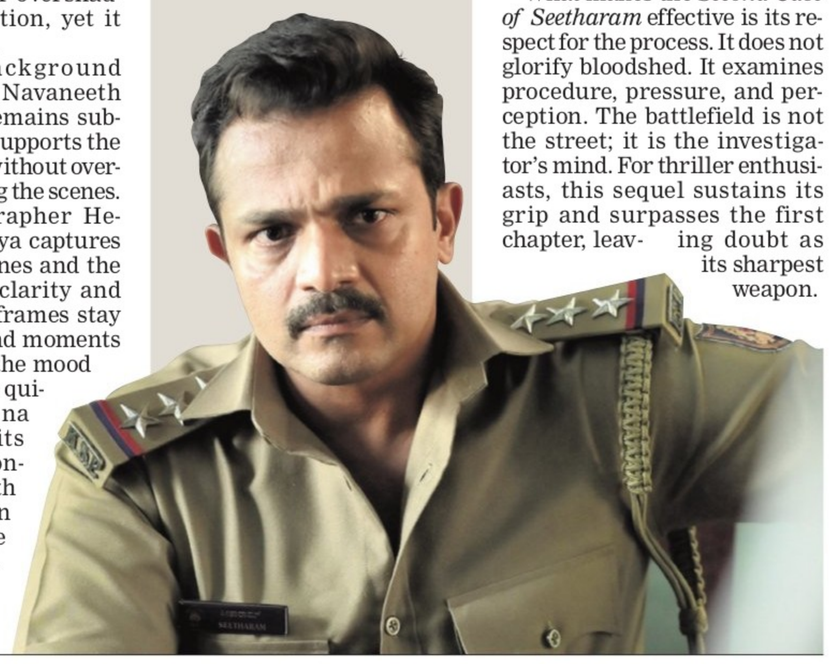
Sebastian (Gopalkrishna Deshpande) enters as a worried father asking for help for his daughter. Slowly, facts disrupt the surface. His daughter died three months earlier. Neighbours label him unstable, and he is arrested. But the murders continue. The film uses him not as a loud suspect but as a reflection of investigative bias. Once a man is labelled disturbed, every silence seems suspicious. But if it isn't Sebastian, then who keeps the investigation in motion?

Vijay Raghavendra keeps Seetharam grounded. His body language shows the fatigue of repeated crime scenes. His pauses suggest calculation. His tension becomes clear when personal lapses threaten his professional credibility. He does not play a supercop; he plays responsibility. That restraint adds strength to the film.

Director Devi Prasad Shetty structures the narrative in careful layers. Flashbacks carry emotional weight without slowing the pace. Seetharam's strained relationship with his sister, who once went against family wishes, quietly parallels the fractured minds in the case. The personal never overshadows the investigation, yet it adds moral weight.

The background score by Navaneeth Sham remains subtle and supports the tension without overwhelming the scenes. Cinematographer Hemanth Acharya captures the crime scenes and the investigator with clarity and control. His close frames stay on details, faces and moments of silence, letting the mood build naturally. The quiet use of the veena adds depth, and its gentle presence contrasts sharply with the violence on screen, giving the film an added emotional layer without excess.

SECOND CASE OF SEETHARAM
Director: Devi Prasad Shetty
Cast: Vijay Raghavendra, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, and Usha Bhandari



The second half is gripping as earlier clues gain new meaning. The pre-climax revelations are sharp and unsettling. However, the climax feels a bit rushed, and some emotional moments could have had more space to breathe. Still, the impact remains strong.

What makes the *Second Case of Seetharam* effective is its respect for the process. It does not glorify bloodshed. It examines procedure, pressure, and perception. The battlefield is not the street; it is the investigator's mind. For thriller enthusiasts, this sequel sustains its grip and surpasses the first chapter, leaving doubt as its sharpest weapon.

RATING 3/5

CE FEATURES

Toxic teaser builds a dark, seductive world around Yash's new avatar

AMONG the biggest theatrical bets of 2026, *Toxic*: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups has kept curiosity alive through carefully timed reveals. The "Introducing Raya" preview with Yash and character posters of Ganga, Nadia, Elizabeth, Mellisa, and Rebecca steadily built anticipation. Now, the official teaser shifts the tone sharply. It opens without explanation. A carnival-like circus drenched in velvet, neon, and smoke. Slow-burning tension lingers. The camera moves patiently, never rushing, holding secrets. The world gradually expands, revealing East Asian influences in architecture and style, hinting at a story that may cross borders and timelines.

This is not just spectacle. Glamour coexists with brutality. Grace stands alongside decay. Crime takes on a near-mythic quality. The score is deep but never overwhelming, and every cut feels deliberate, revealing less than it hides. Yash enters with a recalibrated presence. Lean and alert in one frame, heavier and marked by past battles in another. The real shift is in his stillness. Cold eyes, longer pauses, measured restraint that feels dangerous. This is a clear break from his previous roles.

Director Geetu Mohandas approaches the story as a psychological saga, a gangster fairytale. The subtitle gains meaning through stylized darkness, heightened visuals, and fable-like violence. Production design is rich yet grim; gold seeps into grime, light fades into shadow, and the camera favors mood over exposition.

Nothing is overstated. Motives are hinted at, not explained. Brief flashes, controlled tension, and quiet menace dominate. The teaser closes with "It's gonna get crazyyyy"—not hype, but warning.

Written by Yash and Geetu Mohandas, directed by Geetu Mohandas, and shot simultaneously in Kannada and English with dubbed versions in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam, the film stars an ensemble including Nayanthara, Rukmini Vasanth, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, and Tara Sutaria. Produced by KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, *Toxic* releases on March 19, 2026.

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Ecofluence 3.0, an international conference on Economics and Public Policy, commenced today at (IBA), Bengaluru. The conference is jointly organised by Indus Business Academy in association with the (IEA) and the (AIMS), with support from .

Dr. Easwar Krishna Iyer, Director, IBA, delivered the welcome address, followed by Dr. Subhash Sharma, Chief Mentor and Chairman, Governing Council, IBA. Conference Co-Chairs Prof. Prashant Kulkarni and Dr. Mansi Bansal introduced the theme of Ecofluence 3.0.

The inaugural address was delivered by Chief Guest Dr. S. Mahendra Dev, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. Dr. Charan Singh, Founder and CEO, EGROW Foundation, was the Guest of Honour. Dr. R.S. Deshpande and Dr. Ravindra Brahme also addressed the gathering. The book Micro-Motives and Macro-Behaviour of Modinomics by Prof. Kulkarni and Dr. Bansal was released on the occasion.

The day featured special talks on digital transformation and government policy, a panel discussion on "Karnataka, India and the Digital Economy," and sessions on Development Economics and Sustainability. Preliminary rounds of the Debate and Research Championships were also held.

The inaugural ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the beginning of two days of academic deliberations.